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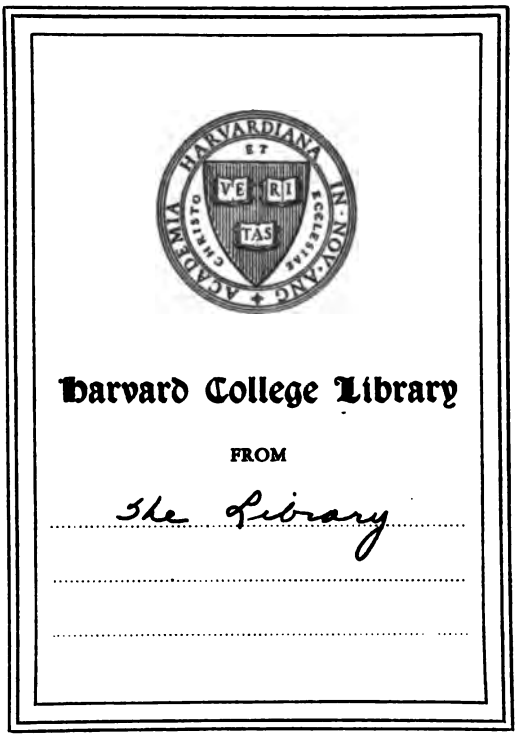
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For the years ending June 30, 1894 and June 30, 1895

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Central Library:

GENTLEMEN:—The following Report is respectfully submitted.

The most notable fact in the history of the Library during the past year is its removal from the High School building to its present place. The removal of the Library was the result of the necessity of using the rooms occupied by it for school purposes.

The Library was connected with the schools from its beginning and was under the management of the Board of Education. It was begun in 1857 by bringing into one room in the City Hall of various school libraries from the ward schools of the city. These books were put under the charge of the Superintendent of Schools, and in 1862 John Strachan was appointed Librarian. In 1863 Patrick McCarthy became Librarian. Mr. McCarthy was a most able and careful Librarian and many of the good books in the Library were purchased by him.

In 1869 the Library was moved with the Superintendent's office from the City Hall to the new High School building. Mr. McCarthy died in 1870 and was followed by his son, Wm. McCarthy, who served for one year. After him came John S. Clark, who was Librarian for three years. In 1876 Mrs. Gambia was made Librarian and served three years. In 1880 Ezekiel W. Mundy became Librarian and he has remained at his post to the present time.

The Library remained under the direction of the Board of Education until February, 1893, when that body, by reason of a change in the laws of the state concerning libraries, recommended that the Library be placed under the supervision of the Board of Regents, and appointed President Stilwell of the Board

of Education to lay the matter before the Common Council. The result was that the charter of the city was amended, and a commission was appointed by the Mayor to take the matter in hand. This commission consisted of Giles H. Stilwell President of the Board of Education, Seckel Bronner, James K. McGuire, Nicholas Peters Jr. and Horace White. Afterwards, Jacob Amos Mayor of the city, and Andrew B. Blodgett Superintendent of Public Schools were added to the commission by the Board of Regents. This commission met August 23, 1893, made the name of the Library the Syracuse Central Library and signed an application to the Board of Regents asking for a charter. A charter was granted, dated December 13, 1893. appointing Messrs. Jacob Amos Mayor, Andrew B. Blodgett Superintendent of Schools, Giles H. Stilwell, James K. McGuire, Seckel Bronner, Nicholas Peters Jr. and Horace White, Trustees; the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools to hold their places *ex officio*. The Board of Education at once in accordance with the amendments in the charter, withdrew its supervision from the Library, and generously offered to continue to the Trustees for one year the use of its old rooms in the High School and all the services and privileges hitherto enjoyed by the Library. The Common Council delivered to the Trustees of the Library the entire books, furniture, funds and other property pertaining to the Library, and the new government was fully instituted.

Subsequently the Common Council set apart the old Putnam School building, then unused, to the service of the Library. In March 1894, when the Common Council made the estimates of expenses for the various departments of the city government, an allowance was made to the Library of $5792.65 in addition to the regular expenses of the Library, for the purpose of putting the old school building in repair. By this means the Trustees were able to re-arrange the rooms so as to accommodate the Library, to put in new floors, new ceilings, new windows, new stair cases, new furnace and new plumbing, and to repair the building throughout. The result is highly satisfactory, and the accommodations for

circulation, reading rooms, reference rooms and work rooms are better than they were able to hope. The Building Committee consisting of Mr. N. Peters Jr. and Mr. J. William Smith were indefatigable in their attention to the changes made; the architect, Mr. Archimedes Russell, was most careful and patient in the oversight of all the details; the builder, Mr. Fred L'Estrange was attentive and accommodating throughout the entire work; and all the Trustees were greatly interested and active in doing the best possible. The result is that we have a commodious and attractive building in an excellent location, well furnished and adapted to the uses of the Library. It is not however, good enough to overcome the regret of the friends of the Library for the loss of Mr. Belden's generous offer.

The Building Committee was able on July 15, 1894, to report the building ready for use, and on that day the moving was begun. Meanwhile the work of making a catalogue of the books under the direction of Miss Mary E. Hawley of the State Library at Albany was pushed vigorously forward in spite of the confusion of moving and re-arranging the books and furniture. By means of her skill and judgment the classification of the books was changed, new shelf lists made, the work of re-organizing well advanced and her assistants instructed so as to continue her methods after her departure in October, 1894. Since that time the new catalogue has been going on and is now nearing completion.

Last year in the confusion of moving to our present building the annual report was omitted and this statement will therefore cover two years. The last report was made to the Board of Education June 30, 1893. This report will therefore embrace the whole period since the re-organization of the Library and its government by its present Board.

The circulation during 1893–4 was 50,659, an increase of fifty per cent. above the year preceding. The number of books added to the Library in 1893–4 was 2,296, two and a half times as many as in the preceding year. This, with the added interest which

the new management brought to the library, give a sufficient reason for the increase of circulation.

The work of moving the Library to a new place made it necessary to suspend the giving out of books. The work of re-cataloguing continued that necessity for five months The Library was open therefore but 177 days during the past year. But during the seven months of circulation of books nearly as many were given out as during the whole previous year. During the twelve months of 1893–4 the number given out was 50,659, and during the seven months of 1894–5 the number was 44,585. If however we compare the seven months of 1894–5 with the corresponding seven months of 1893–4 we find the following result:

Volumes given out December to June 1893–4	34,386
Volumes given out December to June 1894–5	44,585
Giving an increase of	10,199
The daily average for this time in 1893–4	193 vols.
The daily average for this time in 1894–5	250 vols.

Average daily increase of 57 volumes, or 30 per cent. And this follows an increase of 50 per cent in 1894 above 1893.

This increase is due probably in some degree to the large number of books added in 1893–4, somewhat to the closing of the Library for five months and the sharpening of the popular appetite for reading, somewhat to the interest in the new building and the novelty of the change, and more than all perhaps to the much greater convenience of the new location. The convenience of location is the great benefit which comes from the change of place. It is near the centre of the city, convenient to the street railways, in a pleasant neighborhood and with agreeable surroundings.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year just closed is 1,993 of which 258 were by gift and 1,735 by purchase. The committee also report that the work of re-cataloguing the books is not yet complete. All the new books have been cata-

logued and those previously in the Library are nearly finished. On this account the number of books now in the Library cannot be accurately given, but it is somewhat above 27,000.

Your Committee on Books has worked with care and patience in the purchase of new books. A considerable number of books of permanent value have been added to the Library, and the fiction has been kept so as to fairly satisfy the demand. The department of local and family history is becoming of such importance as to attract the attention of students from other parts of the state as well as from our own city.

The Library has received many valuable publications from the State and National Governments, chiefly through the thoughtful kindness of the Hon. J. J. Belden, the Hon. Frank Hiscock and Mr. John Kenyon.

With the increase in the number of books and the purchase of many which are of permanent value the urgency of a place where they may be safe from fire increases. It seems unwise to risk so much property already in the Library, and the risk prevents people from placing many valuable papers and books in the Library who would be glad to do so if they were sure that they would not be destroyed. A fire-proof addition could easily be made to our present building and at a small outlay. Such an addition would make the present building adequate for the uses of the Library for many years to come. The Librarian ventures to hope that this will soon receive the attention of the Trustees and the public.

Respectfully

June 30, 1895 EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

Librarian.

APPENDIX No. 1

LIST OF PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM

Academy
American Catholic Quarterly
American Historical Register
American Jewess
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Science
American Journal of Sociology
American Microscopical Journal
American Monthly
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Arena
Atlantic Monthly
Biblia
Bizarre Notes and Queries
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Bookseller
Catholic Sun
Century Magazine
Chautauquan
Christian Literature
Christian Register
Christian Science Journal
Commonwealth
Congressional Record
Contemporary Review
Cook's Excursionist
Cosmopolitan
Critic
Dial
Edinburgh Review
Education
Educational Review
Electrical World
Engineering Magazine
Engineering News
Journal of Speculative Philosophy
Literary Journal
Life
Literary Digest
Literary News
Literary World
Littell's Living Age
London Times
Magazine of Art
Magazine of Christian Literature
Magazine of Poetry
Manifesto
Monist
Music
Nation
New Church Messenger
New Earth
New England Historical and Biographical Register
New England Magazine
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
New World
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Notes and Queries
Outing
Patent Office Report
Path
Pennsylvania Magazine
Philosophical Review
Poet Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Science Monthly
Public Opinion
Publishers' Weekly
Punch

English Mechanic and World of Science
Fliegende Blætter
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Good Government
Gospel Messenger
Harper's Magazine
Harper's Weekly
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Helper
Illustrated London News
Illustrirte Zeitung
Independent
International Journal of Ethics
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of American Folk-lore
Journal of Education
Journal of Geology
Journal of Political Economy
Putnam's Monthly Historical Magazine
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Ram's Horn
Review of Reviews
School Review
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Scribner's Magazine
Spectator
Spirit of Missions
Syracuse University Herald
Temperance
Travellers' Record
U. S. Consular Reports
Virginia Magazine
Westminster Review

APPENDIX No. 2

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY DURING 1893-94

	VOLS.
Mr. Jerome A. Anderson	1
Mrs. Beach	1
City of Syracuse	2
Herald Company	2
Estate of Genl. E. W. Leavenworth	659
Mr. Louis Lombard	1
Mrs. C. S. Loomis	1
Mr. Ezekiel W. Mundy	8
Province of Ontario	1
Smithsonian Institution	2
State of California	1
State of Kansas	2
State of New Jersey	1
State of New York	17
United States Government	62
	761

APPENDIX No. 3

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY DURING 1894-95

	VOLS.
Mr. A. B. Caldwell	1
City of Boston	2
City of Syracuse	1
Col. O. P. Clark	1
Colgate University	1
Columbian Exposition for New York	1
Mr. Thomas Eggleston	1
Mr. George Geddes	74
Dr. William B. Harlow	1
Herald Company	2
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	1
Estate of Genl. E. W. Leavenworth	104
Messrs. E. Leonard & Sons	1
Mr. Albert Matthews	2
Mr. Ezekiel W. Mundy	10
Russian Government	1
Mr. Frank Ryder	1
Miss Laura G. Sanford	1
State of Kansas	1
State of Massachusetts	6
State of New Jersey	2
State of New York	15
United States Government	26
Mr. A. J. Wallon	1
Rev. W. D. Wilson D. D.	1
	258

APPENDIX No. 4

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE*

(For the year ending Feb. 28, 1895)

RECEIPTS

In hand from the previous year	$1020	32
City appropriation	13363	98
Regents' appropriation	734	39
Board of Education in full	3	44
	$15122	13

EXPENDITURES

For Building		
Carpenter and mason work	$4086 37	
Plumbing	395 00	
Furnaces	375 00	
Papering	62 00	
Moving and placing book shelves	425 49	
Electric wiring	89 08	
Lighting fixtures	159 71	
Contingent	200 00	
Total for Building		$5792 65
For Library		
Wages	3041 81	
Books	2274 01	
Serials	390 10	
Binding	242 19	
Recataloguing	841 75	
Moving books	322 79	
Fuel	237 50	
Lights	100 52	
Electric supplies	91 99	
Repairs	191 88	
Furniture	308 04	
Library supplies	357 28	
Insurance	309 00	
Contingent	127 51	
Total for Library		$8836 37
		14629 02
In hand		493 11
		$15122 13

*The Finance Report for 1893–4 is published in the Report of the Board of Education for that year.

APPENDIX NO. 5

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	3,634.75
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	4,086.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14.829	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	3,308.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	1,773,05
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,653.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,738.32
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,107.09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,057.31
1889	308	143	43.416	2,336	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	5,298.65
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
1895	177	252	44.585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48





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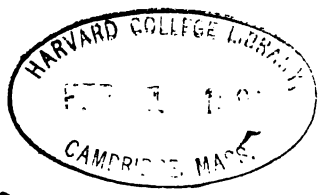
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SYRACUSE CENTRAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Honorable the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Central Library:

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1897:

The circulating department of the library has been open for 307 days. The circulation has been 121,571 volumes. There has been an average daily circulation of 396 volumes, an average weekly circulation of 2,338 volumes, and an average monthly circulation of 10,131 volumes. The largest daily circulation was on March 6, 1897, when 866 volumes were given out, and the smallest daily circulation was 106 volumes on July 1, 1896. The largest weekly circulation was 3005 volumes for the week ending Feb. 21, 1897, and the smallest weekly circulation was 979 volumes for the week ending July 3, 1896. The largest monthly circulation was 12,761 volumes in March 1897 and the smallest monthly circulation was 6,650 volumes in August 1896.

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

1896.	July	6,723 volumes
	August	6,650 "
	September	7,301 "
	October	10,046 "
	November	10,806 "
	December	11,354 "
1897.	January	12,447 "
	February	11,560 "
	March	12,761 "
	April	10,827 "
	May	10,475 "
	June	10,621 "
		121,571 volumes

CIRCULATION BY SUBJECTS

Philosophy and Religion	1,349 volumes	1.11 per cent.
Science	1,769 "	1.46 "
Sociology	1,829 "	1.51 "
Arts	2,114 "	1.74 "
Biography	2,726 "	2.24 "
History	4,051 "	3.33 "
Travel	4,198 "	3.45 "
Literature	4,271 "	3.51 "
Fiction	99,264 "	81.65 "
Total	121,571 "	100.00 "
Juveniles		26,548 volumes
German		2,003 "

This shows that more than five-sixths of the reading of books in the circulation is fiction. It should be suggested, however, in considering this result that modern fiction covers the entire ground of human life and thought. There is no problem of philosophy, art, science or political economy which is not discussed in recent novels, so that a division of reading into fiction and other subjects is hardly a fair statement. Readers therefore, who are devoted to fiction, if they read with attention, must learn the facts and meet the problems which human life presents. It, however, remains true that fiction amuses rather than arouses. It does little to stimulate thought. The emotions which it excites, at their best, are weakening because no objects are provided upon which they may be exercised. But the higher uses of a public library are to instruct, to stimulate thought, to help to organize the human spirit, to bring human life into rational, beneficent and orderly activity.

The number of books given out during the past year is much greater than heretofore. In the last report the circulation was 91,793 volumes. For the year just closed it has been 121,571, which shows an increase of 32 per cent.

The increase of the use of books in the circulating department has been accompanied by a similar increase in the refer-

ence library. This part of the library contains 8000 volumes of carefully selected and valuable works on various subjects, and 6,000 volumes of government publications. It contains no works of fiction. It is especially rich in local and family history. In connection with this part of the library is the reading room to which 176 periodicals come regularly. There is no record kept of the books used in these rooms, but the number of visitors is noted. The number of visitors during the year has been 49,544, a daily average of 155 on week days and of 56 on Sundays.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year is 5,084, of which 4,586 volumes have been purchased, 312 volumes have been given to the library, and 186 volumes have been made by binding pamphlets. There have been 547 volumes worn out and withdrawn, making a net increase of 4,039 volumes. This is the largest number of books ever added in one year to the library. The appropriation made by the city government to the library for the current year is larger than usual and the book committee hoped to add more volumes than they have been able to buy. But the crowded condition of the reading rooms during the last winter made it necessary to consider the question of additional space for readers. This resulted in the decision to fit up a reading room for children in the third story. By this means not only space will be gained but the children and adults will be separated and both classes can be much better served. The policy of giving the children a place by themselves for reading has been found an advantage in many city libraries, and is gradually winning its way to favor. It is unfortunate that the best that can be done for them here is to send them to the third story, and that the room which they can have is not larger. It is, however, the only method left us, as the library is very much crowded at every point, and if some generous citizen should offer the Board a new building it would be gladly received. The need of more space is very urgent, and it is quite impossible to make such use of the books already on the shelves as more space would enable us to do. The necessity also of a fire-proof room, mentioned in the last report, grows, if possible, more pitiful every year.

During the year a finding list of the Industrial books in the library has been made. This list has given very good satisfaction, and will be followed soon by lists of the Fiction and the Juveniles.

It has been decided to try an experiment in the direction of making books more convenient for people by establishing a distributing station at the West End. This was asked for by the people living in that part of the city and has been delayed by waiting for the finding lists.

The library is indebted to the Hon. T. G. Alvord, the Hon. J. J. Belden, the Hon. Major Poole, the Hon. Joseph Bondy, the Hon. Horace White, John Kenyon, Esq., and to other persons at Albany and Washington for public documents. Many others, notably A. B. Caldwell, Esq., Mrs. Lucy N. Coleman, Dr. W. G. Hinsdale, Charles Hiscock Esq., Mrs. Frank H. Hiscock, Dr. Frank Green of Homer, and the Rev. C. P. Osborne of Fayetteville have enriched the library by gifts of books. Mrs. Lucy N. Coleman also gave a number of autograph letters, portraits and articles connected with our last war.

Following this report are several appendixes giving a list of the periodicals in the reading room, a list of people who have given books to the library, a statement of receipts and expenses, a table giving statistics of the library since 1870 and other items of interest.

Respectfully,

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY.

June 30, 1896. Librarian.

APPENDIX No. 1

LIST OF PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM

American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Register
American Historical Review
American Jewess
American Journal of Palmistry
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Science
American Journal of Sociology
American Magazine of Civics
American Microscopic Journal
American Monthly Magazine
American Naturalist
American Physical Education Review
American Statistical Association Publications
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Arena
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Bibliotheca Sacra
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Bookseller
Book Notes
Book Reviews
Borderland
Boston Evening Transcript
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Catholic Sun
Century Magazine
Charities Review and Lend-a-Hand
Chautauquan
Chicago Inter Ocean
Chimes
Christian Literature
Christian Science Journal
Citizen
City Government
Collector
Coming Nation
Commonwealth
Congressional Record
Contemporary Review
Cook's Excursionist
Cosmopolitan
Critic
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current History
Cycling Gazette
Dial
Digest of Physical Tests
Edinburgh Review
Education
Educational Review
Electrical World
Engineering Magazine
English Mechanic and World of Science
Essex Antiquarian
Ex Libris
Fliegende Blaetter
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Garden and Forest
Good Government
Gospel Messenger
Great Round World

Harper's Monthly Magazine
Harper's Weekly
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Helper
Herts Genealogist and Antiquary
Home Study
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
Illustrirte Zeitung
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International Journal of Ethics
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of American Folk Lore
Journal of Education
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of Geology
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Zoophily
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Life
Literary Digest
Literary News
Literary World
Littell's Living Age
London Weekly Times
Magazine of Art
McClure's Magazine
Mechanics' Institute Bulletin
Miscellaneous Notes and Queries
Monist
Municipal Affairs
Municipality and County
Music
Nation
New Church Messenger
New Earth
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New England Magazine
New Review
New World
New York Genealogical and Historical Record
New York Mail and Express (weekly)
New York Sun
New York Tribune
New York Voice
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Notes and Queries
Numismatist
Outing
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statements
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Physical Review
Poet Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Astronomy
Popular Science Monthly
Portfolio
Public Opinion
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
Publishers' Weekly
Punch
Putnam's Historical Magazine
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Ram's Horn
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Saint Andrew's Cross
Saint Nicholas
School
School Review
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Scribner's Magazine
Spectator
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76

Syracuse Daily Courier
Syracuse Evening Herald
Syracuse Evening Journal
Syracuse Post
Syracuse Standard
Syracuse Sunday Standard
Syracuse Union (German)
Theosophy (see Universal Brotherhood)
Trader
Traveller's Record
University Forum
United States Consular Reports
Universal Brotherhood
University Herald
Vick's Magazine
Virginia Magazine
Washington Post
Westminster Review
William and Mary College Quarterly
Woman's Journal
Woman's Missionary Friend
Yale Review

APPENDIX No. 2

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY DURING 1896-97

	VOLS
Art Club	1
Boston	1
Caldwell, A. B	7
Cambridge, Mass	1
Coleman, Mrs. Lucy N	19
Collins, George K	1
Christian Science Church	4
Dodge, C. A	1
Fitchburg	1
Hazard, Rowland	1
Herald Company	3
Hine, N	1
Hiscock, Charles	6
Hiscock, Mrs. Frank H	44
Holden, H. S	3
Howson & Howson	1
Ilsley, Prof. S. H	2
Institute of Mining Engineers	1
Kansas	1
Kansas Academy of Science	1
Leavenworth, Estate of Gen. E. W	2
Lyman Brothers	1
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	1
Morris, W. F. Pub. Co	1
Mosher, G. A	1
Mundy, Ezekiel W	1
New Jersey	1
New York State	47
Northrup, A. J	1
Ontario, Province of	2
Parsons, S	2
Pierce, E. L	1
Porter School	1
Ryder, Frank	2
Shrimpton, Rev. C. J	2

Smith, Stanley G	1
Smithsonian Institution	4
Spalding, Rev. Geo. B	2
Stokes, A. P	1
Sweet, W. A	6
Syracuse	1
Tobey, Mrs. W. B	4
Troy, Mrs. H. F	1
United States Government	106
Wells, Hon. E. M	1
Wisconsin	1
Wood, Estate of Hon. D. P	1
Wolcott & West	6
Worcester Free Public Library	3
Unknown	7
Total	312

APPENDIX No. 3

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1897

RECEIPTS

In hand Feb. 1, 1896	$ 2 61
City Appropriation	10,500 00
Regents' Appropriation	734 39
	$11,237 00

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 4,079 05	
Serials	787 49	
Binding	692 05	
Repairs	91 06	
Supplies	814 58	
Incidentals	307 56	
Wages	4,457 96	
	$11,229 65	
In hand	7 25	
		$11,237 00

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT THE DESK

RECEIPTS

For Fines	$ 114 06
Annual Subscriptions,	6 00
Semi-Annual Subscriptions,	7 00
Miscellaneous	1 76
	$ 128 82
In hand March 1, 1896	12 88
	$ 141 70

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 4 00	
Express	58 93	
Postage	7 53	
Supplies	59 92	
	$ 130 38	
In hand Jan. 31, 1897	11 32	
		$ 141 70

APPENDIX No. 4

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,422	
1873	287	135	36,010	1,148	12,422	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	3,634.75
1875	301	138	41,628	491	13,791	4,066.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,939	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	15,344	3,366.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	15,423	1,773.05
1881	275	137	36,878	424	15,692	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,653.51
1883	307	128	37,906	917	15,494	2,738.32
1884	307	114	34,926	1,998	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	818	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,183	3,100 71
1887	308	129	39,828	745	18,062	3,107.09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,058.31
1889	308	142	43,416	2,886	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	5,296.65
1891	306	145	44,288	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
1895*	177	252	44,585	1,998	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	299	91,798	3,892	31.145	11,274.89
1897	307	307	121.571	4,089	34,231	11,229.75

*It will be noticed that the library was closed in this year from June to November





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Syracuse Central Library

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1898

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THE LYMAN PRESS, INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
SYRACUSE

HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY
APR 1 1899
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
The Library

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1897-1898

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ANDREW B. BLODGETT
Superintendent of Schools

APPOINTED

SECKEL BRONNER	Term expires	1898
JOHN J. CUMMINS	" "	1899
HENRY O. SIBLEY	" "	1900
GILES H. STILWELL	" "	1901
J. WILLIAM SMITH	" "	1902

STANDING COMMITTEES

Books—Blodgett, Cummins, Mundy

Building and Grounds—Stilwell, Sibley

Finance—Smith, Bronner, McGuire

TRUSTEES OF THE

SYRACUSE CENTRAL LIBRARY

FROM ITS RE-ORGANIZATION IN 1893 TO THE PRESENT

Hon. Jacob Amos	1893-1896
Supt. Andrew B. Blodgett	1893
Seckel Bronner	1893-1898
James K. McGuire	1893-1895
Nicholas Peters Jr.	1893-1896
Giles H. Stilwell	1893
Horace White	1893-1894
J. William Smith	1894
Arria S. Huntington	1894-1898
Hon. James K. McGuire	1896
Ely Van de Warker	1896-1897
H. O. Sibley	1897
John J. Cummins	1898

LIBRARY STAFF

LIBRARIAN

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

ASSISTANTS

FRANK HALL
MARY E. MURRAY
GERTRUDE GATES
IRENE EARLL
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ADA WRIGHT

WEST END STATION

MRS. EDITH A. SHOUDY

OFFICE CLERK

EMILY K. MUNDY

USE OF THE LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M. During July and August it is open on Saturdays from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., and on other days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M. On Sundays from October 1st to April 30th they are open from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M. During July and August they are open on week days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M., and on Saturdays until 9 P. M.

Books in the reading room and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living outside the city have free use of the reading room and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading room receives regularly 184 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of Proceedings of Societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own State government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons in seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE CENTRAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1898

To the Honorable the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Central Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1898:

The circulating department of the library has been open for 305 days during the year. During ten months it was open 12 hours daily, and during July and August it was open 9 hours except on Saturdays when it was open 12 hours. The reading and reference rooms were open 344 days of 12 hours each, except that during July and August the hours were the same as in the circulating department. On Sundays these rooms were open from 2 to 6 P. M.

The number of books given out for home reading has been 145,313 volumes, a daily average of 477 volumes. There has been an average weekly circulation of 2,794 volumes, and an average monthly circulation of 12,109 volumes. The largest number given out on one day was on November 27, 1897, when 952 volumes were taken, and the smallest number on one day was on July 8, 1897, when 151 volumes were taken. The largest weekly circulation was 3,492 volumes for the week ending January 23, 1898, and the smallest weekly circulation was for the week ending July 11, 1897, when 1,633 volumes were taken. The largest monthly circulation was 14,307 volumes in March, 1898, and the smallest monthly circulation was 9,346 volumes in July, 1897.

The number of juvenile books given out was 30,951, and the number of volumes in German 2,054.

A distributing station for the delivery and return of books was opened in March at the West End, and has proved an acceptable undertaking. The books are sent to the office of Dr. Shoudy on

West Genesee street, where they are in the care of Mrs. Shoudy. The books delivered began with 57 volumes the first month, and has increased to 266 volumes.

The Collegiate Alumnæ of Syracuse during the winter had four distributing stations for small groups of children, called Home Library Clubs, the books for which were supplied by this library.

The following are tables of the circulation by months and by subjects:

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

1897.	July	9,346 volumes
	August	9,398 "
	September	10,444 "
	October	12,348 "
	November	13,974 "
	December	13,943 "
1898.	January	14,297 "
	February	13,581 "
	March	14,307 "
	April	13,088 "
	May	10,691 "
	June	9,896 "
		145,313 volumes

CIRCULATION BY SUBJECTS

Philosophy and Religion	2,193 volumes	1.51 per cent.
Science	2,068 "	1.42 "
Sociology	2,214 "	1.52 "
Arts	2,701 "	1.86 "
Biography	3,116 "	2.14 "
History	4,519 "	3.11 "
Travel	3,936 "	2.71 "
Literature	4,935 "	3.40 "
Fiction	119,631 "	82.33 "
Total	145,313 "	100.00 "

There have been added to the library during the year 4,573

volumes, of which 883 have been by gift, 244 by the binding of periodicals, and 3,466 by purchase. There have been 475 volumes worn out and withdrawn, and 38 volumes lost, making a net increase in the library of 4,060 volumes. For gifts of books the library is specially indebted to the Hon. Charles Andrews, the Hon. J. J. Belden, the Hon. Joseph Bondy, the Hon. John T. Delaney, Dr. W. G. Hinsdale, the Hon. Frank Hiscock, the Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, John Kenyon, Esq., the Hon. Horace White and the estate of the Hon. D. P. Wood. Many persons also have given one or more volumes.

The number of visitors on the record of the reading rooms for the year is 61,991. The record is somewhat imperfect and less than the full number. This is a very large increase over any previous year, an increase which is due in some degree to an increase of books in the reference library, to an increase also in the number of newspapers and magazines, and to the opening of a special reading room for the children. The children's reading room was opened in December, in the third story of the building, and at once proved very popular. The problem from the first has been how to keep so many untrained and wilful young persons in any degree of good order, and that problem has not yet been solved. It was, however, continued during the winter, and will be open again another season.

The number of periodicals now received at the reading rooms is 184.

The outlook for the future of the library is very promising. By the zeal of the members of your honorable body and the kindness of other good friends of the library, an amendment to the city charter was obtained last winter by which a stated income is secured. This will put the expenditures of the library on a regular basis, and will bring to it a larger income than it has had heretofore. The enactment appropriates to the uses of the library not less than two per cent. of the annual tax levy. With this assurance of regular income, the friends of the library may hope for a steady increase in useful and valuable books, and for a steady growth in the popularity and usefulness of the library.

This amendment to the charter was made possible by the generous co-operation of all the friends of the library. The thanks of the public are especially due to the Honorable Joseph Bondy, who introduced it into the Legislature, to His Honor Mayor McGuire and to every member of the Honorable the Common Council of our city, to the Honorable Francis Hendricks, to the Honorable Horace White, to the Honorable William G. Cottle, to the Honorable John T. Delaney, in short to all persons whose official or personal position gave them influence in the matter, as well as to the harmonious consideration and urgency of the Trustees of the library. This places the library in a position of financial safety and independence, and the generosity and heartiness with which it was done indicates a position of the library in the community, which must be gratifying to every thoughtful person.

One of the earliest results of this promise of permanent income was a hope in the minds of the members of your Honorable Board that we might have an addition to our library space. This hope took form in a resolution offered by His Honor Mayor McGuire, in which the building committee was authorized to investigate the subject of an addition to the building, and to report a plan of action. The result of this was the decision to erect an addition to the building, which is now going on.

The new building will give two rooms of 48 feet by 56 feet. This will make it possible to have the books in a building where there is little danger of injury by fire, and will give ample space for arranging and using the books.

The expense of the new building has very much limited the purchase of books, and will continue to do so for the remainder of this financial year. People who use the library feel this limitation greatly. But the future will amply compensate for this inconvenience.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY,

JUNE 30, 1898 *Librarian.*

At the time of going to press the report of the Building Committee upon the new building is at hand and is therefore inserted. The Committee is not yet able to report upon the changes in the old building.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Central Library:

GENTLEMEN—With the completion of the new addition to the library building, the committee submit the following statement of the history of the work.

The crowded condition of the books and reading rooms has for the last two years impressed all who have visited the library. It has been a constant inconvenience to those who have used the library, and to the librarians and attendants. Since the fitting up of the old building in 1894 the circulation of books has increased from 50,000 volumes a year at our beginning to 145,000 volumes for the last year. The use of the reading rooms at the first was by a very small number. During the last year over 60,000 persons came to read. With such an increase it was impossible to work to advantage in the old space.

The trustees and the friends of the library also felt that with the growth of the library and the increase of valuable books it was unwise to have our best works so poorly protected. The old building, in case of fire, would burn so quickly that little could be saved, and in its present condition it might burn at any moment. Many of our books in local history could not be replaced at twice their cost, and some of them it would be difficult to replace at any price. The need of a new building was therefore urgent in respect of both space and danger from fire.

The first definite step concerning it was taken at a meeting of the trustees held March 11th, 1898. After a long discussion, on motion of His Honor Mayor McGuire, the question of plans for an addition to the library was referred to the Building Committee.

At the next meeting, held April 1st, the committee presented a sketch by Architect S. E. Loring, for a building of slow burning construction, two stories in height, to be built at a cost of about $7,000. On motion of the Mayor the President of the trustees and the Clerk were added to the Building Committee, and that committee was authorized to proceed according to the sketches of Architect Loring, and to report to the trustees plans, specifications and bids for the work.

At the meeting of the trustees held May 9th, these plans, specifications and bids were submitted, and the committee was authorized to enter into contract with Builder John W. Gee, to erect the addition for $6,993, and "to proceed with the erection of the same and with all matters pertaining thereto."

The work was immediately begun and is now complete. The building is of two stories and contains two rooms, each 48 feet by 56 feet in size, giving almost as much additional space as we have on two floors of the old building. The lower room will be used as a stack room for the miscellaneous books of the circulating department, and the upper room will contain the reference books and the magazine reading room.

The lower floor of the old building will be used for a newspaper reading room on the front, with the fiction and the distributing desk in the back part. The upper floor of the old part will be used for the children's reading room and the circulating department for children. The trustees' room will remain as it was. The room which formerly contained the local history will be a class-room for the use of classes from the schools wishing to use the library, and also for clubs, committees, and other groups of persons who would like to use the library.

New toilet rooms have been added to the old part, and the whole has been newly painted and papered.

The result is more satisfactory than your committee had hoped. The new part of our library is plain, substantial and nearly fire proof. Nothing has been spent upon decoration. It has been built at such a low rate of expense that it can be torn down when the hoped for time arrives for a new building worthy of our city.

The cost of erecting the new part is as follows:

For the contract	$ 6,776.50	
" extra wall	215.83	
" painting	48.70	
" fire doors	168.84	
" hardware	65.24	
" inspector's fees	324.00	
" architect's fees	424,44	
		$ 8,023.55
For furniture:		
For shelving	$ 1,800.00	
" furnaces	275.00	
" tables and chairs	120.00	
		$ 2,195.00
		$10,218.55

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GILES H. STILWELL
J. WILLIAM SMITH
H. O. SIBLEY
EZEKIEL W. MUNDY
Building Committee.

December 2, 1898.

APPENDIX No. 1

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898

RECEIPTS

In hand Feb. 1, 1897		$ 7 25
City Appropriation		15,000 00
Regents' Appropriation		734 39
		$15,741 64

EXPENDITURES

Books	$5,873 91	
Serials	934 10	
Binding	1,014 86	
Repairs	219 12	
Supplies	1,023 37	
Wages	4,984 97	
Incidentals	1,688 60	
	$15,738 93	
In hand	2 71	
		$15,741 64

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT THE DESK

RECEIPTS

Fines		$ 127 54
Annual Subscriptions		4 00
Semi-Annual Subscriptions		8 00
Books Lost or Damaged		7 08
Miscellaneous		88
		$ 147 50
In hand Feb. 1, 1897		11.32
		$ 158 82

EXPENDITURES

Books	$ 10 15	
Express	63 90	
Postage	31 81	
Supplies	48 60	
	$ 154 46	
In hand Jan. 31, 1898	4 36	
		$ 158 82

APPENDIX No. 2

LIST OF PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM

DAILIES

Boston Transcript
Chicago Inter-Ocean
Detroit Free Press
New York Daily Tribune
New York Mail and Express
New York Sun
New Yorker Volkszeitung
Syracuse Courier
Syracuse Herald
Syracuse Journal
Syracuse Post
Syracuse Standard
Washington Post

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
American Sentinel
Book Notes
Bulletin and Good Roads
Catholic Sun
Christian Science Weekly
Coming Nation
Commonwealth
Congressional Record
Cycling Gazette
Dial (semi-monthly)
Electrical World
English Mechanic
Fliegende Blaetter
Gospel Messenger
Great Round World
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
Illustrirte Zeitung
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Literary World (semi-monthly)
Living Age
London Times
Nation
New Century
New Charter
New Church Messenger
New York Voice
Northern Christian Advocate
Notes and Queries
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
People
Public Opinion
Publishers' Weekly
Punch
Ram's Horn
Remarques
School
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Syracuse Union
University Forum
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

American Anthropologist
American Jewess
American Journal of Palmistry
American Journal of Science
American Kitchen Magazine
American Microscopical Journal
American Monthly
American Naturalist
Architectural Review
Arena
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bureau of American Republics Bulletin
Century Magazine
Charities Review
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
City Government
Collector
Contemporary Review
Cook's Excursionist
Cosmopolitan
Critic
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Education
Educational Review
Forum
Genealogical Magazine
Harper's Monthly
Harper's Round Table
Home Study
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Education
Journal of Franklin Institute
Journal of Zoophily
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Literary News
Magazine of Art
Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder
McClure's Magazine
Money
Music
New Earth
New England Magazine
New Man
New Philosophy
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Numismatist
Outing
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Physical Review
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Public Libraries
Putnam's Historical Magazine
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Saint Nicholas
School Review
Scribner's Magazine
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Syracuse Messenger
Travelers' Record
Universal Brotherhood
University Herald
United States Consular Reports
Vick's Magazine
Westminster Review

QUARTERLIES

American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archæology
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Sociology
American Statistical Association
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Bibliotheca Sacra
Current History
Digest of Physical Tests
Edinburgh Review
Fern Bulletin
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Genealogical Advertiser
Hert's Genealogist and Antiquary
International Journal of Ethics
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Geology
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New World
New York Genealogical Record
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Poet-lore
Political Science Quarterly
Portfolio
Publications of Southern Historical Association
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary College Quarterly
Yale Review

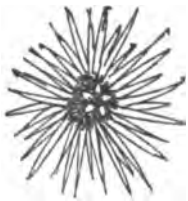


APPENDIX No. 3

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY DURING 1897-1898

	VOLS
Andrews, Hon. Charles	161
Atherton, Mary L.	1
Bagg, Mrs. J. L.	4
Balch, E. S.	1
Betts, S. T.	2
Birney, W.	1
Carson, James C., M. D.	1
Christian Science Church	2
Coleman, Mrs. Lucy N.	1
Colliery Engineering Co.	1
Herald Company	3
Hinsdale, W. G., M. D.	14
Hiscock, Hon. Frank	14
Hiscock, Mrs. Frank	2
Huntington, Bishop F. D.	33
Hyde, Mrs. Salem	1
Ilsley, Prof. S. H.	2
Mundy, Ezekiel W.	9
Munn & Co.	1
New Jersey State Government	2
New York State Government	142
Onondaga County Savings Bank	1
Ontario, Province of	2
Palmer, Mrs. C. F.	1
Parshall, Mrs. C.	1
Parsons, J. Russell	1
Porter School	1
Richards L. S.	2
Scribner, F. Lamson	1
Sedgwick, Mrs. C. B.	1
Smithsonian Institution	4
Socialist Labor Party	4
Spalding, Rev. G. B., D. D.	2
Stevens, Mrs. Theodore E.	2
Syracuse City Government	2

Syracuse University Library	224
United States Government	205
White, Horace	1
Wood, D. P., Estate of	46
Unknown	5
Total	904

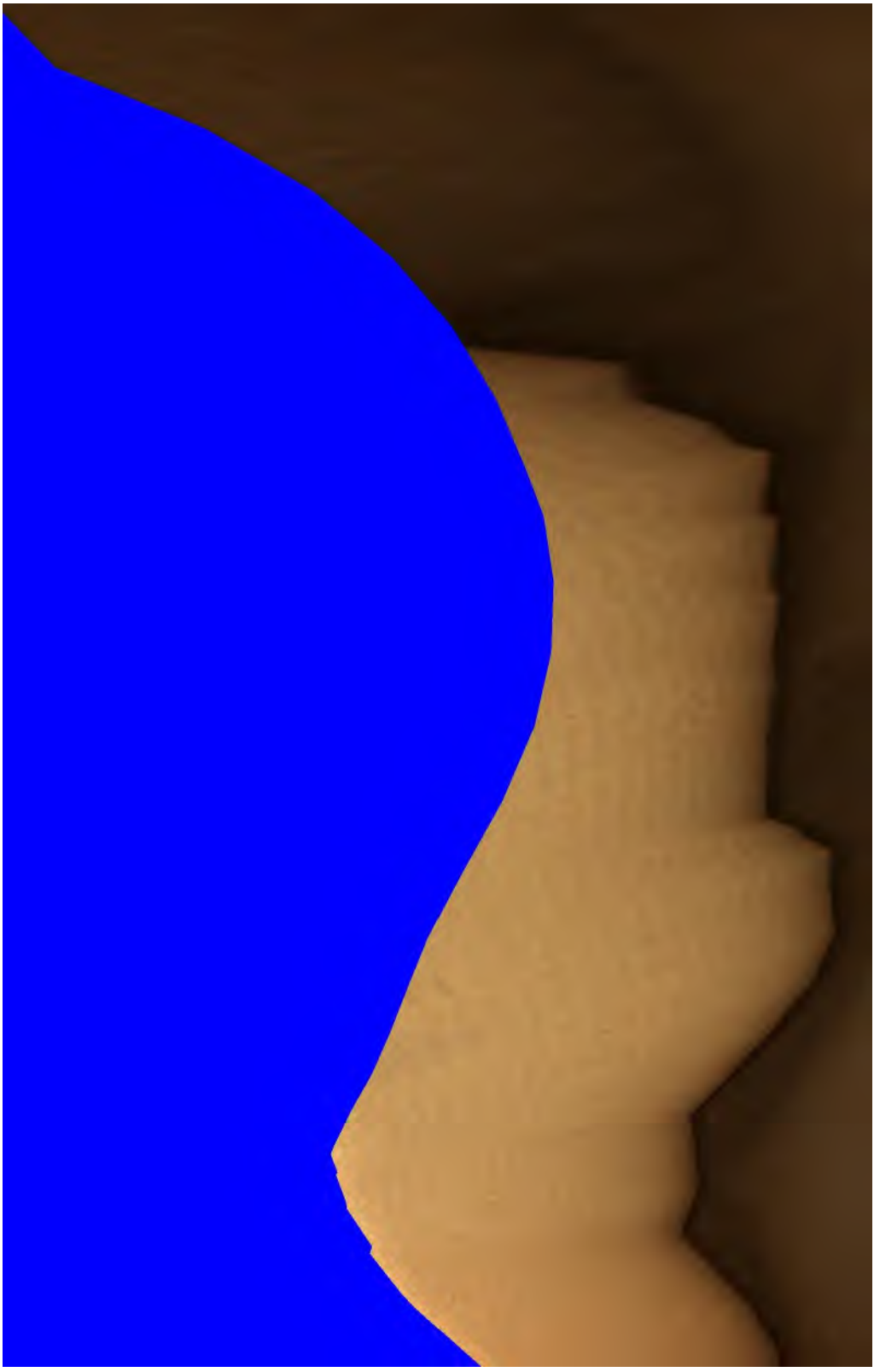


APPENDIX No. 4

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	3,634.75
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	4,066.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	638	14,829	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	3,308.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	1,773.05
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,653.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,738.32
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,107.09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,059.31
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,308	1,466	21,541	5,298.65
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
1895*	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,274.89
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	11,229.75
1898	305†	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	15,741.64

* It will be noticed that the library was closed in this year from June to November.
† Reading Rooms and Reference Library open 344 days.



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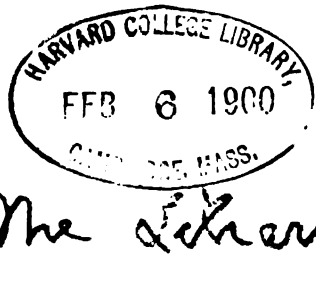
OF THE

Syracuse Central Library

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1899

1899
THE LYMAN PRESS INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
SYRACUSE N. Y.


HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY
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USE OF THE LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., and on other days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 A. M. until 6. P. M., and on Saturdays until 9 P. M. On Sundays from October 1st to April 30th the reading rooms are open from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M.

Books in the reading room and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living outside the city have free use of the reading rooms and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 243 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of Proceedings of Societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own State government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons in seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE CENTRAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1899

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees
of the Syracuse Central Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1899, and of its present condition:

The circulating department of the library has been open 305 days. During ten months it was open on week days 12 hours daily from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M. During July and August it was open 9 hours daily from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M., except on Saturdays, when it was open from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M.

The reading rooms were open during the same hours on week days, and were also open on Sundays from January 1 to June 30 from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M.

The number of books given out for home reading has been 145,492 volumes, a daily average of 477 volumes. There has been an average weekly circulation of 2,798 volumes and an average monthly circulation of 12,124 volumes. The largest number of volumes given out on one day was 1,013 volumes on February 11, 1899, and the smallest number was 193 volumes on September 2, 1898. The largest weekly circulation was 3,678 volumes, March 20–25, 1899, and the smallest was 2,083 volumes, July 25–30, 1898. The largest monthly circulation was 15,478 volumes in March 1899, and the smallest was 9,265 volumes in July 1898.

The number of Juvenile books given out has been 35,525 volumes.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 2,248.

The station for distribution of books which is at the West End in the office of Dr. Shoudy, has given out 3,648 volumes.

There have been issued during the year, to the Central New York Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, seven cases of books called Home libraries, 130 volumes in all. These have been issued to the young women in charge of groups of ten children each, and the books are used for reading to the children in the room occupied by the group, and the children are allowed to take them to their homes.

A library of twenty-six books was also placed in one of the schools for two months. These books were selected by the principal of the school as supplementary reading for his classes in literature.

The cost of circulation of the books in the circulating department is so involved with the cost of the reading rooms and the reference library that it is difficult to give an estimate of the expense per volume. As near as can be ascertained it is three and one-half cents for each volume.

The following are tables of the circulation by months and by subjects.

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS 1898–1899

	VOLS.
July	9,265
August	9,810
September	9,597
October	12,178
November	13,573
December	12,722
January	13,057
February	13,201
March	15,478
April	12,990
May	12,199
June	11,422
Total	145,492

CIRCULATION BY SUBJECTS

	VOLS.	PER CENT.
Philosophy and Religion	1,937	1.34
Sociology	2,165	1.49
Science	2,202	1.52
Arts	2,900	1.91
Travel	3,841	2.65
Biography	3,884	2.68
History	5,227	3.61
Literature	5,284	3.64
Fiction	118,052	81.16
	145,492	100.00

There have been added to the library during the year 4,954 volumes, of which 200 have been by gift, 4,195 by purchase and 199 by the binding of periodicals.

The number of volumes withdrawn, most of them having been worn out, has been 1,114, the number of volumes lost has been 49, and the number still unaccounted for is 397. The number of books now in the library is 42,644 volumes, which is a net increase during the year of 3,791 volumes.

Among the books worthy of note which have been purchased during the year are:

	VOLS.
Cothren's History of Ancient Woodbury, Conn.	3
Archives of Maryland	16
Rhode Island Historical Society Collections New Series	4
Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society	22
Scharf's History of Westchester County, N. Y.	2
Publications of the Parish Register Society (Eng.)	16
Dedham Historical Register	8
Roster of North Carolina Troops During the War Between the States	4
Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series (Eng.)	5
Jesuit Relations	40
Pausanius' Description of Greece	9

Stoddard's Lectures on Travel	10
Brunet's Manuel du Libraire	5
Clowe's Royal Navy (Eng.)	3
Sheraton's Cabinet Maker's Drawing Book	1
Hipplewhite's Cabinet Maker's Guide	1
Chippendale's Cabinet Maker's Directory.	1

Among the gifts worthy of special mention are two hundred volumes of public documents from the Honorable Frank Hiscock, one hundred volumes of magazines from Sydney B. Gifford Esq., seventy-five volumes of religious and scientific books from Dr. William G. Hinsdale and a number of books from Bishop Huntington.

The Diocese of Central New York of the Protestant Episcopal Church has presented to the library a full set of its Journal of Proceedings in twenty-seven volumes from the beginning in 1868 to the year 1895.

Most of the above volumes have not yet been catalogued.

Professor Ilsley has also given to the library thirty-six volumes of French literary and historical books. Mr. J. William Smith at the close of his service as president of the Board of Trustees, extending over two terms, presented to the library a sumptuous copy of the History of Rome translated from the French of Catrou and Rouillé in six folio volumes bound in the original calf and published in London in 1728. The library has also received numerous gifts of pamphlets and newspapers.

Appendix No. 5 is a list of the gifts during the year of the books which have been catalogued.

The work in the reading rooms has been largely increased during the year. There are now three reading rooms in the library, one for newspapers, one for magazines and reference books and one for the use of children. These have all been very much used from the beginning. They are all open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on week days, and during the winter from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M. on Sundays. It is not practicable to keep a record of the number of visitors, but they have much increased beyond the numbers coming to the old reading room.

The newspaper reading room receives 58 periodicals, the maga-

zine reading room receives 176 and the children's room receives 9, making 243 in all. Of these 28 come daily, 62 come weekly, 105 come monthly and 48 come quarterly. The quarterlies, the monthlies, some of the weeklies and the Syracuse dailies are bound and kept on file.

Among the periodicals received are two in French,

L' Illustration, a weekly.

Revue des Deux Mondes, semi-monthly.

There are also four in German,

American-German Review.

Illustrirte Zeitung, weekly.

Syracuse Union, weekly.

Vorwaerts, weekly.

One of the most important improvements in the history of the library has been accomplished during the last year. By the wisdom and energy of the trustees a considerable addition was made to the library, by which the floor space in the building is nearly doubled. This addition is of slow-burning construction, and carefully secured from danger of fire from the old building by thick walls and metal doors. It furnishes two rooms 48 x 56 feet on the floors with abundance of light and air. The lower room is used as a stack room for all the books for adults in circulation except the fiction. About one-third of the floor space is free, and this free space is furnished with tables and chairs for readers and students. The books are arranged in metal stacks with wide spaces between.

The upper room is used as a stack room for the cyclopedias, dictionaries, bound sets of magazines, local history and other books of reference. This room has nearly half the floor space free, and the free space is fitted up with tables and chairs and used as a magazine reading room.

The old stack room on the first floor is now used for the distributing desk and for the newspaper reading room, while the books of fiction also are shelved in one corner. The second floor of the old building is given up to the children. The children's books are all set up in it and the distributing desk is there. The greater part of the room is used as a children's reading room. The way to

the magazine reading room is through the children's room.

The result of the changes in the library separates the distributing desks and reading rooms of the children from those of the adults, and contributes very much to the pleasure of the children and adults alike, while it also adds to the convenience of the management of the library.

The newly arranged and enlarged library was opened to the use of the public by a reception given December 20, 1898. A general invitation was given to the public, and special invitations were sent to some of the people who were thought to be interested or whom the trustees wished to have interested. The city superintendent of parks, Mr. Bishop, brought flowers and palms and added greatly to the beauty of the place by his decorations. The palms Mr. Bishop left permanently, to the great delight of the employees and patrons of the library.

With the improvements some changes have been made in the administration of the library. The most notable and important of these is the opening of the shelves to the free use of the people who come. This method allows every person to go among the books and select at pleasure. This is highly satisfactory to readers. The necessity of getting books by consulting a catalogue seems to the average reader to erect a great barrier between him and the books, and to some it is practically insurmountable. And for students and scholars it is equally difficult to be so far from the books. They wish to have the range of all the books on the special subjects which they are investigating. Trustees of libraries and librarians feel strongly therefore the desire to open the shelves and are making experiments with that end in view.

The great objections to the opening of the shelves to the public are the misplacing of the books on the shelves, which is unavoidable, and the loss of books by stealing or by carrying off without having them charged. Some loss of books cannot be avoided with the open shelf system, but if the public will be open-eyed and careful it will be but a small number. There is an officer always on duty whose business it is to see that no books are taken from the building without proper record. But the experiment of open shelves

cannot be successful except by the sympathy and help of the people who use the shelves. The books are the property of the people of Syracuse, and if the owners of the books are careless no official care can make up for that carelessness. The advantages of the open shelf system to readers and students are such that it is well worth all the care that can be given to it. And it will be a great pity if lack of care on the part of the public shall make it necessary to return to the old method of exclusion from the shelves. The trustees and the librarian are very desirous that the shelves shall be free to all, and they earnestly hope that the public will support them in the experiment.

The result of the year's work is that the building and the books are in much better condition than ever before. And it will be gratifying to the public to know that the trustees are already considering an extension of the present system of library work by putting books for distribution into workshops, engine houses and other places where our citizens will use and care for books. By the continuance of the faithful work of the assistants in the library, and the enlarged methods adopted by the trustees, together with the interest and patience of the public, there is hope that we shall gradually build up a well-stored and much used public library.

Following this report are several appendixes containing statistics and other information concerning the library.

With sincere thanks for the unvarying kindness of the trustees to the workers in the library,

Respectfully,

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY, Librarian.

June 30, 1899.

APPENDIX No. 1

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1899

RECEIPTS

Balance from January 31, 1898		$ 2 71
City Appropriation		25,000 00
Regents' Appropriation		367 20
		$25,369 91

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 2,994 85	
Serials	1,306 35	
Binding	1,320 19	
Repairs	58 03	
Supplies	1,480 78	
Insurance	135 00	
Finding Lists	622 04	
New Building	7,880 92	
Furniture	3,218 61	
Wages	6,103 00	
Incidentals	243 73	
	$25,363 50	
In hand	6 41	
		$25,369 91

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT THE DESK

RECEIPTS

For Fines		$102 45
Annual subscriptions		6 00
Semi-annual "		9 00
Books lost or damaged		4 45
Finding lists sold		1 60
		$123 50
In hand Feb. 1, 1898		4 36
		127 86

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 5 85	
Express	54 31	
Postage	5 70	
Supplies	55 42	
	$121 28	
In hand Jan. 31, 1899	6 58	
		$127 86

APPENDIX No. 2

LIST OF PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER ROOM

DAILY PAPERS

Albany Evening Journal
Boston Evening Transcript
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial
Congressional Record
Detroit Free Press
New Orleans Times-Democrat
New York Evening Post
New York Herald
New York Sun
New York Times
New York Tribune
New Yorker Volkszeitung
Omaha Bee
Philadelphia Press
Pittsburg Dispatch
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat
St. Paul Pioneer Press
Springfield Republican
Syracuse Daily Journal
Syracuse Evening Herald
Syracuse Evening Telegram
Syracuse Post-Standard
Syracuse Union
Toronto Globe
Utica Morning Herald
Washington Post

WEEKLY PAPERS

Charleston Weekly News and Courier
Christian Science Sentinel
Class Struggle
Cycling Gazette
Fliegende Blaetter
Forest and Stream
Harper's Weekly
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
Illustrirte Zeitung
Journal of Zoophily
L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads
Leslie's Weekly
London Times
Nation
New Century
New Earth
New Voice
New York Mail and Express
Northern Christian Advocate
Punch (Eng.)
Ram's Horn
Richmond Despatch
School
Syracuse Labor World
Traveller's Record
Universalist Leader
University Forum
Vick's Monthly Magazine
Vorwaerts
Weekly Oregonian

APPENDIX No. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

WEEKLIES

Great Round World
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Success
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

Harper's Round Table
Our Dumb Animals
Outing
Saint Nicholas

APPENDIX No. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE MAGAZINE READING ROOM

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
Athenaeum
Book Notes
Commonwealth
Electrical World
Engineering and Mining Journal
English Mechanic
Genealogists' Note Book
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
New Church Messenger
Notes and Queries
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Public Opinion
Publisher's Weekly
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Woman's Journal

MONTHLIES

American Journal of Philately
American Journal of Science
American Kitchen Magazine
American Microscopical Journal
American Monthly
American Naturalist
Annals of Botany (Eng.)
Architectural Review
Arena
Artist
Assayer
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bookseller
Botanical Gazette
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Charities Review
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
City Government
Collector
Connecticut Magazine
Contemporary Review
Cook's Excursionist
Cosmopolitan

Critic
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current Literature
Dial (semi-monthly)
Education
Educational Review
Engineering Magazine
Essex Antiquarian
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Genealogical Magazine
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Gospel in all Lands
Harper's Monthly
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Education (Eng.)
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Keramic Studio
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Literary News
Literary World (semi-monthly)
Magazine of Art
McClure's Magazine
Mechanic Arts Magazine
Meehan's Monthly
Model Engineer and Amateur Electrician
Money
Municipal Engineering
Munsey
Music
New England Magazine
New Man
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Numismatist
Old Eliot
Old Ipswich
Outing
Overland Monthly
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Photo-Miniature
Physical Review
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Psychological Review
Public Libraries
Putnam's Historical Magazine
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Revue des Deux Mondes
Sanitary Home
School Review
Scribner's Magazine
Self Culture
Sound Currency
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Studio
Trained Nurse
Universal Brotherhood
University Herald
United States Consular Reports
Westminster Review
Woman's Home Companion
Writer

QUARTERLIES

American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archaeology
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Sociology (bi-monthly)
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Asiatic Quarterly Review

Auk
Bibliotheca Sacra
Bird Lore (bi-monthly)
Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics
Columbia University Quarterly
Current History
Dedham Historical Register
Edinburgh Review
Fern Bulletin
Genealogical Advertiser
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Historical Register (Medford, Mass.)
International Journal of Ethics
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Geology (bi-monthly)
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Mayflower Descendant
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New World
New York Genealogical Record
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Planets and People
Poet-Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Publications of the American Statistical Association
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary College Quarterly
Yale Review

APPENDIX No. 5.

LIST OF BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY

	VOLS
Annetta Halliday Antona	1
Hon James J. Belden	1
Edward Deacon	1
L. S. Dodge	1
Mrs. Stella Kneeland Eddy	1
John F. Shy & Co., Chicago	1
George G. Fryer	1
Charles L. Gage	2
Mary E. Hawley	1
Mrs. Frank Hiscock	2
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	1
Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington	3
S. Harding Ilsley	36
Lucius M. Kinne	1
Ezekiel W. Mundy	8
Mrs. Parshall	1
James A. Roberts	1
Frank Ryder	2
Charles W. Snow	1
Hon. Andrew D. White	1
Rev. W. D. Wilson, D D.	2
Clarence Wolcott	5
Rev. J Zimmerman, D.D.	5
Baptist Church of Fayetteville	1
City of Syracuse	3
State of Kansas	1
State of Massachusetts	5
State of New Jersey	16
State of New York	15
United States	32
Society of Colonial Wars	1
Society of Friends, New York City	1
Colby University	1
University of the State of New York	1
Syracuse University	31
Diocese of Central New York	6
Herald Company	1
Socialist Labor Party	5
Reynolds Library, Rochester	1
	200

APPENDIX No. 6

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION SINCE THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99
July	4,429	6,723	9,346	9,265
August	4,827	6,650	9,393	9,810
September	5,435	7,801	10,444	9,597
October	7,032	10,046	12,348	12,178
November	8,445	10,806	13,974	13,573
December	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,722
January	10,113	12,447	14,297	13,057
February	9,539	11,560	13,581	13,201
March	10,686	12,761	14,807	15,478
April	8,532	10,827	13,088	12,990
May	7,203	10,475	10,691	12,199
June	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,422
	91,793	121,571	145,813	145,492

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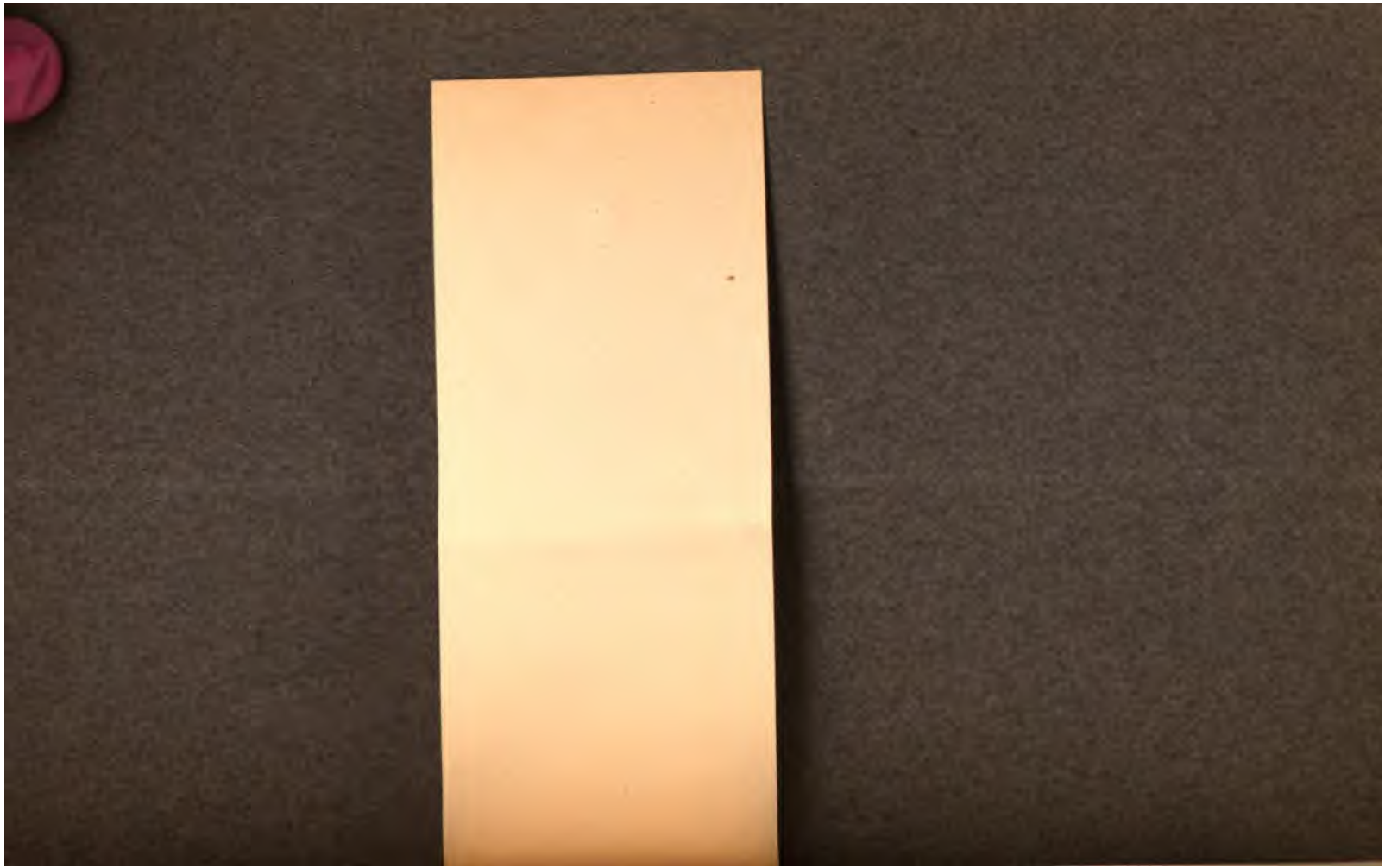
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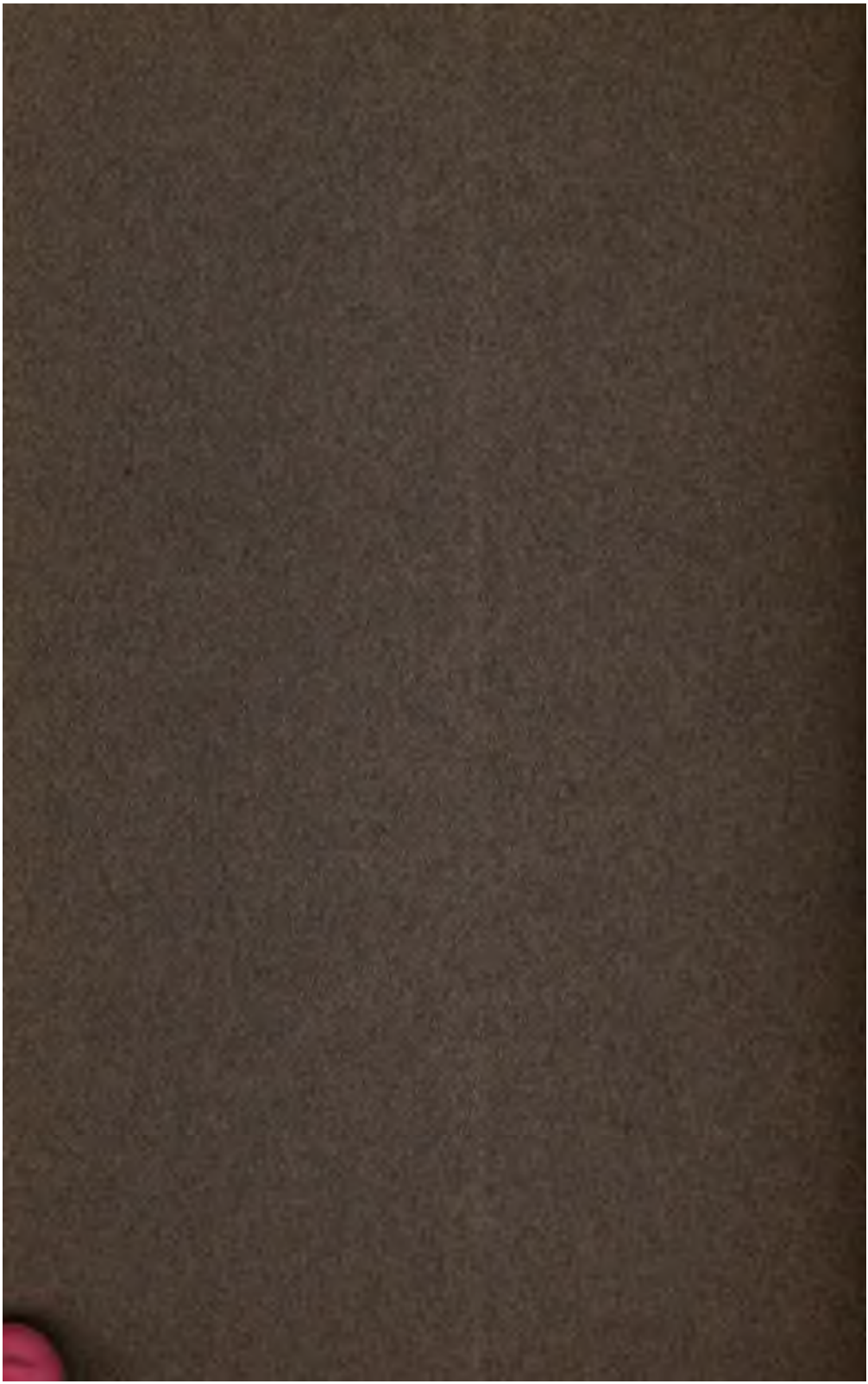
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At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, held December 20th, 1900, the name of Syracuse Central Library was changed to Syracuse *Public* Library.

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TRUSTEES WHO HAVE SERVED SINCE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LIBRARY IN 1893

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USE OF THE LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., and on other days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M., and on Saturdays until 9 P. M. On Sundays from October 15th to April 15th the reading rooms are open from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M.

Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 265 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of Proceedings of Societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own State government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons in seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE CENTRAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1900

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Central Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1900.

ADULT CIRCULATION

The circulating department of the library has been open during 305 days. During ten months of the year it was open 12 hours daily, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M. During July and August it was open 9 hours daily, from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M., except on Saturdays, when it was open from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M.

The number of books given out for home reading was 167,902 volumes, a daily average of 550 volumes. This is an increase above the circulation of the previous year of more than 15 per cent. This increase is probably the result of the natural growth of interest in the library, stimulated by the purchase of more books than ever before. The average weekly circulation has been 3,228 volumes, and the average monthly circulation has been 13,991 volumes. The largest circulation for any one day was 1,131 volumes, on March 3, 1900. The largest monthly circulation was in March, 1900, 17,184 volumes. The proportion of fiction to miscellaneous books has increased 1 per cent. over last year, which is to be explained by larger purchases than ever before in the new books of fiction as they have appeared. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix No. 8.

The number in the German language given out is 2,284, an increase of above 1 per cent. The demand for German books will probably not increase in the future on account of the decrease of

German speaking people among us. The immigration is very small and the Germans born in this country care little for books in the language of their fathers.

The West End station has given out 3,135 volumes, which is a slight decrease since last year.

A station has been placed at the office of the Straight Line Engine Company in accordance with the wish of Professor Sweet, who manages the work of that company. It has been in charge of one of the young men in the office, Mr. Darrier, who has taken a most kindly and intelligent interest in the selection and distribution of the books.

A traveling library during the latter part of the year was sent to the Old Ladies' Home in the city, and has been greatly enjoyed by the inmates. It is a library of 25 volumes, and the books are returned to the library and exchanged at the wish of the readers. Miss Gregory kindly takes charge of the books and distributes them to the inmates.

The libraries sent out to the centres organized by the "Central New York Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae" have been continued during the year. There have been five of these centres where the children of the neighborhood are brought together and instructed in their reading, and such books lent to them as the persons in charge deem best.

The books have been purchased and the cases are nearly ready for libraries to send to the fire engine houses for the purpose of trying the experiment of supplying the firemen with reading. This has been done with success in many cities.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

The books given out at the juvenile desk during the year has been 38,648 volumes. This is a gain of only 8 per cent. above the circulation of last year. This increase falls below the general average of the library, while the increase of the adult circulation is above the general average.

This is accounted for partly by the fact that more attention

has been given during the last year to buying books for the adult part of the library than for the juvenile department, and partly to the fact that the juvenile reading room is comfortable, well disciplined, somewhat spacious and well stocked with books for reading in the rooms.

COST OF CIRCULATION

The cost of circulating books is difficult to estimate. As a library enlarges and becomes better in the quality of its books a larger proportion of expense is given to the various departments.

While a library is small most of the books purchased are for the circulating department and the few attendants give most of their time to that work. As the library increases the reference library grows, the reading rooms multiply, the cataloguing department extends, the building enlarges, the lighting, heating, insurance, and supplies absorb the funds, and the library becomes a great educational institution of which the giving out of books to be read at home is but one department.

The entire management of this library, beyond the cost of books, serials and binding, was for every book sent out in

1893	7 cents	1897	5.4 cents
1895	6.1 "	1898	5.8 "
1896	4.6 "	1899	7.7 "

READING ROOMS

There are three Reading Rooms in the library, the Newspaper Reading Room on the first floor, the Juvenile Reading Room and the Magazine Reading Room both on the second floor. The Magazine Reading Room is in the Reference Room and receives regularly 192 periodicals. In addition to these periodicals readers have direct access to all the cyclopedias, dictionaries, year books, bound sets of periodicals and other books in the reference library. There have been 32,730 persons who have come to this room during the year for use of the books and periodicals.

The Juvenile Reading Room is in the same room with the juvenile circulation. In this reading room are 800 books on shelves for

reference and for use in the room to which all readers have free access. There are 8 periodicals received regularly at the room. There have been 22,871 readers who have used this room during the past year.

The Newspaper Reading Room is in the same room with the circulating desk for adults. There are 65 periodicals which come regularly to the tables of this room besides many others which are sent without charge and are somewhat irregular.

The periodicals in this room are mostly newspapers from various parts of this country and of the world. Most of them are in the English language, with two in German and one in French. There is no record kept of the visitors to this room.

The library is under obligations for public documents to the Hon. Michael E. Driscoll, the Hon. Horace White and others.

The Rev. F. W. Betts has presented to the library a set of the Reports of the General Convention of the Universalist Churches, which is not full, but which he hopes to complete. Ten Eyck Burr, Esq., of Cazenovia presented to the library a copy of the History of St. Peter's Church, Cazenovia, which is beautifully made.

Many others have given books to the library, a record of which is given in Appendix No. 5.

The library has made more additions to its books during the last year than ever before. It now contains 48,014 books. Gifts have been received to the number of 146 volumes, the binding of periodicals has been 176 volumes and 6,028 have been purchased, making in all 6,350 volumes.

Of these books added to the library, the purchase of fiction has been greater than hitherto, and the number of books on history, travel, science, art and philosophy has been very much increased. The reference library has been much improved as the increased resources have made it possible to put in books which will be of permanent usefulness. The reference department of a public library in a city of the size of Syracuse does more than any other part of the library to make it useful. While ordinary books can be found without much trouble, the books which treat any subject

carefully and fully can be found only where communities, or individuals of large wealth, make it possible to expend money in such amounts as average citizens are unable to command. Reading has become common and books abundant, so that the problem for the public library becomes more and more the problem of supplying books of the best quality.

The general work of the library during the year has advanced in a most satisfactory manner. The circulation has been much enlarged, the use of the reading rooms has increased, the number and quality of the books purchased has been improved, the various workers have been faithful and earnest, and the organization and management of the library affairs by your honorable body has been at once careful and generous.

The library is now becoming so much used and of such size that methods of administration and expansion are of interest and importance. While a public library is small, it must of necessity be devoted for the most part to the work of supplying readers with the current literature of the time. People who support it by taxation feel that they have the right to find in it the books which shall be sufficient for their daily use. As a library grows it naturally is expected to serve higher uses. People come to find information in the subjects which business or pleasure or study bring to their minds. They come to get questions answered, to get knowledge which shall be useful in the problems of life, or which shall give aid to their investigations, or thoughts for their reflection. It grows into a depository for books on science and art and history. It develops from a mere place where common books are distributed into a literary centre where people can find the great books which are the origin and product of the noblest activities of the human life. It becomes what is of still more importance to a community than a circulating library, it becomes a reference library. It grows into a place where people who are studying their work can find the helps which will aid them in making the highest attainments in the uses and beauties which are their work or their play. Such a library is a perennial source of good to every worthy activity in which the

people of a community are engaged, and is a constant stimulus to the best forms of social, political and business life. This library has reached the point in its growth at which it has an assured place as a reference library. And with its present income and under wise administration there is no reason why it should not advance surely if slowly to the highest grade of library service.

Thanking your honorable body for the unvarying courtesy with which you have treated the staff of workers in the library, and for the consideration with which you have heard all requests and suggestions,

Yours respectfully

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

Librarian.

JUNE 30 1900

APPENDIX No. 1

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1899

RECEIPTS

Balance from January 31 1899	$ 6 41
City Appropriation	23,077 65
Regents' Appropriation	734 39
	$23,818 45

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 8,132 39	
Serials	1,483 71	
Binding	1,017 61	
Repairs	687 23	
Supplies	2,211 11	
Incidentals	2,862 26	
Wages	7,417 65	
	$23,811 96	
In hand Jan. 1 1900	6 49	
		$23,818 45

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT THE DESK

RECEIPTS

For Fines	$158 94
Subscriptions	9 00
Books lost or injured	3 50
Miscellanies	3 15
	$174 59
In hand Feb. 1 1899	6 58
	$181 17

DISBURSEMENTS

For Books and Periodicals	$ 20 50	
Express	62 46	
Postage	20 32	
Supplies	65 50	
	$168 78	
In hand Dec. 30 1899	12 39	
		$181 17

APPENDIX No. 2

TABLE OF EXPENDITURES 1896-1900

	Books	Serials	Binding	Repairs	Supplies	Contingent	Wages	Total
1895	4,810 42	605 89	664 08	944 44	602 20	280 65	3,816 81	11,274 89
1896	4,079 05	787 49	692 05	91 06	814 58	307 56	4.457 96	11,229 65
1897	5,873 91	934 10	1,014 86	219 12	1,023 37	1,688 60	4.984 97	15,738 93
1898	2.994 85	442 81	1,320 19	58 03	1,480 78	12,100 30	6,103 00	25,363 50
1899	8,132 39	1,483 71	1,017 61	687 23	2,211 11	2,862 26	7,417 65	23,811 96

APPENDIX No. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER READING ROOM

Albany Evening Journal
Boston Evening Transcript
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial
Chicago Inter Ocean
Congressional Record
Daily People
Detroit Free Press
New Orleans Times Democrat
New York Evening Post
New York Herald
New York Sun
New York Times
New York Tribune
New Yorker Volkszeitung
Omaha Bee
People
Philadelphia Press
Pittsburg Dispatch
Richmond Dispatch
Rochester Democrat & Chronicle
Rochester Post-Express
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
St. Paul Pioneer-Press
Springfield Republican
Syracuse Daily Journal
Syracuse Evening Herald
Syracuse Evening Telegram
Syracuse Post-Standard
Syracuse Union
Toronto Globe
Utica Observer
Washington Post
Worker's Call

WEEKLY PAPERS

American
Charleston Weekly News & Courier
Christian Science Sentinel
Cycling Gazette
Fliegende Blaetter
Forest & Stream
Harper's Weekly
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
Illustrirte Zeitung
L. A. W. Bulletin & Good Roads
Leslie's Weekly
London Times
Nation
New Voice
New York Mail & Express
Northern Christian Advocate
Public
Punch
Ram's Horn
School
Saturday Evening Post
Syracuse Labor World
Traveller's Record
Universalist Leader
Volunteers' Gazette
War Cry
Weekly Oregonian

MONTHLY PAPERS

Altruist
Cook's Excursionist
Vick's Monthly Magazine

APPENDIX No. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

WEEKLIES

Great Round World
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Success
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

Our Dumb Animals
Outing
Saint Nicholas

APPENDIX No. 5

PERIODICALS IN THE MAGAZINE READING ROOM

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
Athenaeum
Book Notes
Commonwealth
Electrical World
Engineering and Mining Journal
English Mechanic
Genealogist's Note Book
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
New Church Messenger
Notes and Queries
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Public Opinion
Publisher's Weekly
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Woman's Journal

MONTHLIES

American Journal of Philately
American Journal of Science
American Kitchen Magazine
American Microscopical Journal
American Monthly
American Museum Journal
American Naturalist
Annals of Botany (Eng.)
Architectural Review
Arena
Artist
Assayer
Association Review
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bookseller
Botanical Gazette
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Bulletin of the Department of Labor
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Charities Review
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
City Government
Collector
Commonwealth
Connecticut Magazine
Consular Reports
Contemporary Review
Cook's Excursionist
Cosmopolitan
Critic
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current History

Current Literature
Dial (semi-monthly)
Education
Educational Review
Engineering Magazine
Essex Antiquarian
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Genealogical Magazine
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Gospel in all Lands
Harper's Monthly
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Education (Eng.)
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of N. Y. Botanical Garden
Keith's Home Builder
Keramic Studio
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Lamp
Library Journal
Literary News
Literary World (semi-monthly)
Magazine of Art
McClure's Magazine
Masters in Art
Mechanic Arts Magazine
Meehan's Monthly
Missionary Review
Missionary Tidings
Model Engineer and Amateur Electrician
Money
Municipal Engineering
Munsey
Music
New England Magazine
New Man
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
North American Notes and Queries
Numismatist
Old Eliot
Old Ipswich
Outing
Overland Monthly
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Photo-Miniature
Physical Culture
Physical Review
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Psychological Review
Public Libraries
Putnam's Historical Magazine
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Revue des Deux Mondes
Sanitary Home
School Review
Science and Industry
Scribner's Magazine
Self Culture
Sound Currency
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Studio
Temple Artisan
Trained Nurse
Universal Brotherhood
University Herald
United States Consular Reports
Westminster Review
Writer

QUARTERLIES

American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archaeology
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Sociology (bi-monthly)
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Auk
Bibliotheca Sacra
Bird Lore (bi-monthly)
Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics
Columbia University Quarterly
Current History
Dedham Historical Register
Edinburgh Review
Fern Bulletin
Genealogical Advertiser
Genealogical Quarterly Magazine
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Historical Register (Medford, Mass.)
International Journal of Ethics
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Geology (bi-monthly)
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Lower Norfolk Co. Va. Antiquary
Mayflower Descendant
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New World
New York Genealogical Record
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Planets and People
Poet-Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Portfolio
Publications of the American Statistical Association
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
Quarterly Bulletin of Bureau of Economic Research
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Southern Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary College Quarterly
Yale Review

APPENDIX No. 6

LIST OF BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY

	VOLS
City of Fitchburg Mass	1
City of Syracuse	7
W. B. Cogswell	1
Mrs. Lucy N. Coleman	1
First Church of Christ	1
Harry Flagg	1
Alexis E. Frye	1
Charles L. Gage	1
Sidney B. Gifford	5
Watson Gill	1
Dr. Samuel A. Green	1
The Rev. E. E. Johnson	3
Dr. Alfred Mercer	6
Paul M. Paine	1
Province of Ontario	7
W. R. Roberts	1
Ronbroke Press	1
Frank Ryder	2
E. G. Sellers	1
Mrs. Mary A. Sherwood	9
G. W. Spalding Jr.	1
State of Kansas	2
State of Massachusetts	2
State of Michigan	5
State of New York	17
Mrs. W. W. Teall	4
United States Government	56
Hon. Horace White	2
Unknown	5
	146

APPENDIX No. 7

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION SINCE THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN IN ITS PRESENT BUILDING

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900
July	4,429	6,728	9,846	9,265	11,810
August	4,827	6,650	9,898	9,810	11,189
September	5,485	7,801	10,444	9,597	11,909
October	7,092	10,046	12,848	12,178	14,115
November	8,445	10,806	13,974	13,573	15,468
December	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,732	14,720
January	10,118	12,447	14,297	13,057	16,036
February	9,539	11,560	13,581	13,201	14,808
March	10,686	12,761	14,807	15,478	17,184
April	8,582	10,827	13,088	12,990	14,088
May	7,208	10,475	10,691	12,199	13,933
June	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,423	13,197
	91,793	121,571	145,313	145,492	167,902

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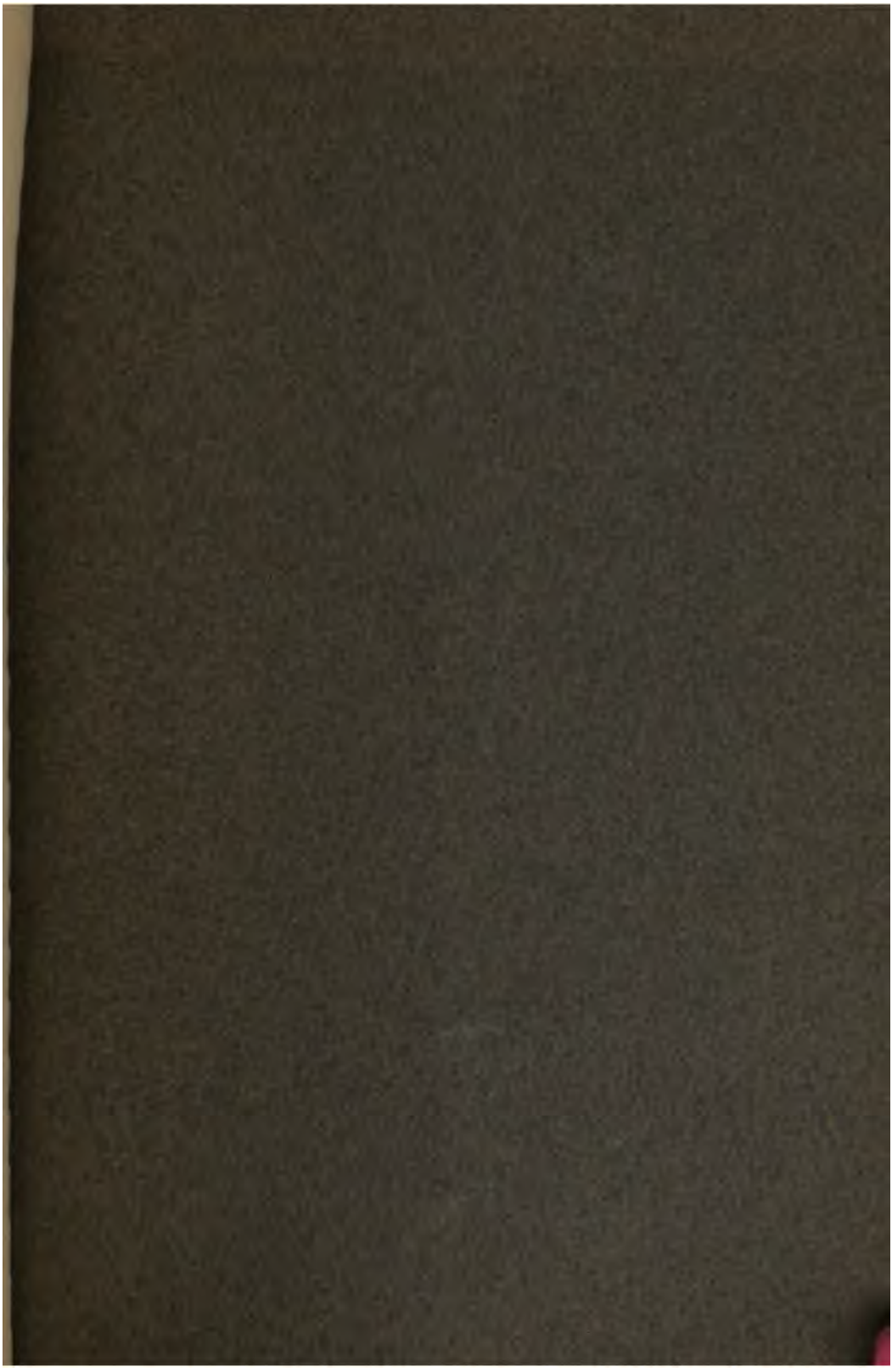
STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,428	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	3,684.75
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	4,086.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,844	3,308.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	1,778.05
1881	275	137	36,878	484	13,692	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,653.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,788.32
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,107 09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,058.31
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	5,298.65
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	299	91,793	3,893	31,145	11,724.89
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	11,239.75
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	15,738.93
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	25,363.50
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	23,818.45

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CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS 1896-1900

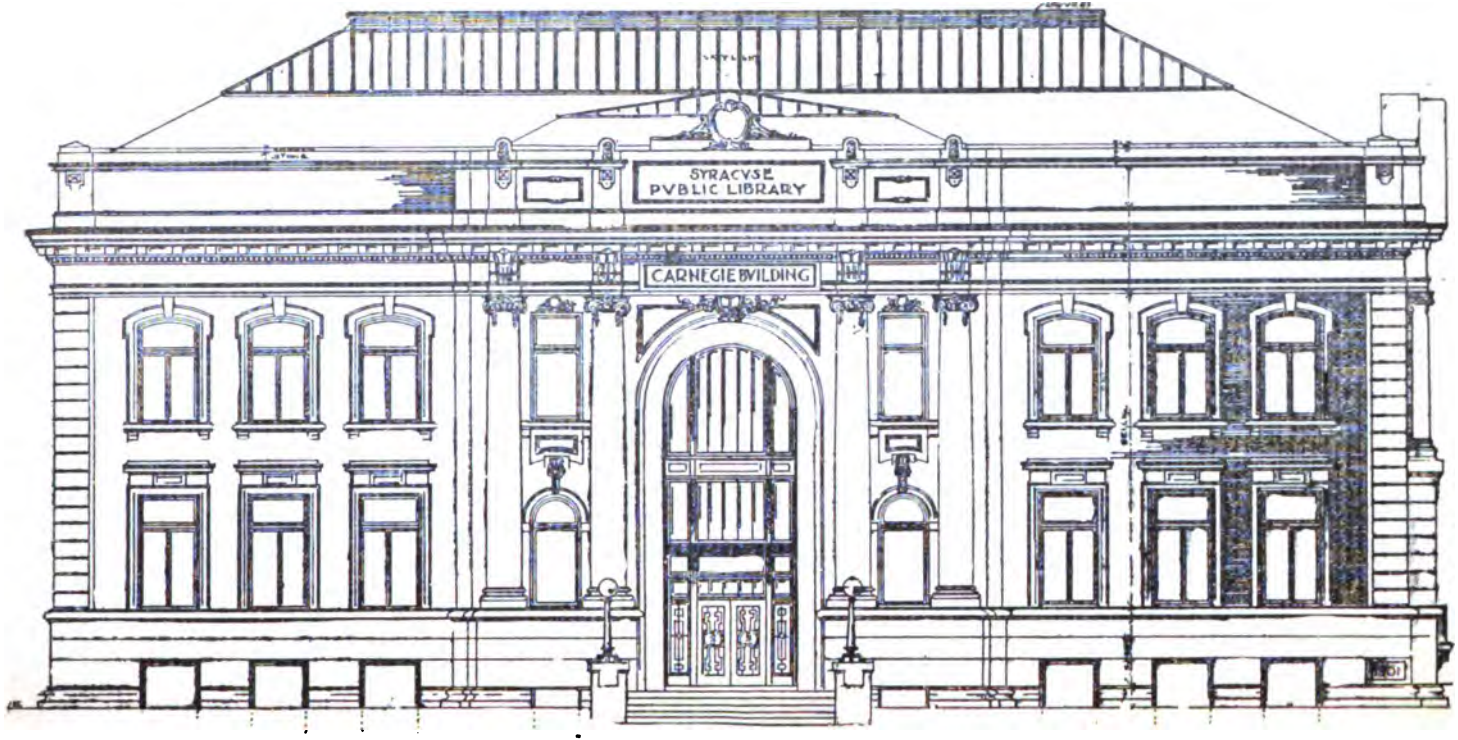
	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896-1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897-1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,631	145,313
1898-1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,059	145,492
1899-1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,397	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,188	3,000	5,413	138,680	167,902





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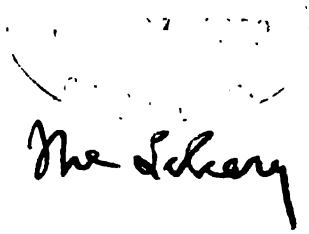
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On Books	" Stevens, Smith, Clerk Mundy
On Buildings	" Danziger, Butler

TRUSTEES WHO HAVE SERVED SINCE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LIBRARY IN 1893

HON. JACOB AMOS	1893–1896
SUPT. ANDREW B. BLODGETT	1893–
SECKEL BRONNER	1893–1898
EDWARD K. BUTLER	1901–
JOHN J. CUMMINS	1898–
HIRAM B. DANZIGER	1900–
ARRIA S. HUNTINGTON	1895–1898
JAMES K. MCGUIRE	1893–1895
HON. JAMES K. MCGUIRE	1896–
NICHOLAS PETERS, JR.	1893–1896
H. O. SIBLEY	1897–1901
J. WILLIAM SMITH	1894–
CHARLES E. STEVENS,	1898–
GILES H. STILWELL	1893–1900
ELY VAN DE WARKER	1896–1897

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USE OF THE LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., and on other days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M., and on Saturdays until 9 P. M. On Sundays from October 15th to April 15th the reading rooms are open from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M.

Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 285 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of Proceedings of Societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own State government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons in seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1901

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1901.

CIRCULATION

The circulating department of the library has been open for only 293 days. It closed on June 15, in order to allow of the moving of the books to make way for the erection of a new building. During nine and a half months the library was open 12 hours daily and during two months it was open 9 hours daily, except on Saturdays, when it was always kept open for 12 hours.

The number of books given out was 173,468 volumes, a daily average of 592 volumes. This is an increase of 7 per cent. above last year, although the time of work was two weeks less than the year before. The average weekly circulation has been 3,469 volumes, and the average monthly circulation has been 15,079 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1,462 volumes on February 23, 1901. The largest monthly circulation was 18,749 volumes in March, 1901. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix No. 7.

The number of books given out at the Juvenile desk during the year has been 38,536 volumes, which is an increase of 3 per cent. in the shortened year above the full year before. In this department is a convenient reading room with a large number of

books to be read in the room and to which young readers have free access. They were very much used during the winter months.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 2,076. This is a decrease since last year due to the lessening of the number of German readers, as the older people become less numerous, and also to the fact that our German department in the press of work during the year has not received as much attention as the other parts of the library.

The West End station, in the charge of Mrs. E. A. Shoudy, and the station at the Straight Line Engine Company's works, in charge of Mr. Darrier, have been in operation during the year. Libraries are sent to the Old Ladies' Home, to the fire-engine houses, to the street railway barns and offices and to some of the public schools. Books have also been sent to some of the working rooms of the University for the use of classes in special subjects.

COST OF CIRCULATION

This is a matter most difficult to determine. With the increase of a library a larger portion of expense is put into the buying of books which are used only for reference, and the expense of managing that part of the library is much increased. This increases the cost of the library without increasing the circulation, and so increases the apparent cost of circulation. The cost therefore of circulating books from a library increases as the value of the library increases.

The entire management of this library, beyond the cost of books, serials and binding, was for every book sent out in

1893.....7 cents	1897.....5.4 cents
1895.....6.1 "	1898.....5.8 "
1896.....4.6 "	1899.....7.7 "

1900.....8.4 cents

READING ROOMS

There are three Reading Rooms in the library. The Newspaper Reading Room and the Juvenile Reading Room are in the Circulating Department at the corner of Grape and Jefferson streets. The Newspaper Room is on the first floor and has 75

periodicals which come regularly, besides many others which are sent without charge and are somewhat irregular.

The periodicals in this room are mostly newspapers from various parts of this country and of the world. Most of them are in the English language, with two in German and one in French.

The Juvenile Reading Room is on the second floor of the Circulating Department adjoining the Juvenile Circulating Department. In the Reading Room are 916 books on shelves for reference and for use in the room to which all readers have free access. There are 9 periodicals received regularly at the room. There have been 24,191 readers who have used this room during the past year.

The Magazine Reading Room is in the Reference Department in the University block on the seventh floor, and receives regularly 199 periodicals. In addition to these periodicals readers have direct access to all the cyclopedias, dictionaries, year books, bound sets of periodicals and other books in the reference library. There have been 34,823 persons who have come to this room during the year for use of the books and periodicals.

The library now contains 52,472 volumes. Gifts have been received to the number of 92 volumes, the binding of periodicals has been 228 volumes and 4,917 have been purchased, making in all 5,227 volumes.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Reference Library is now in the University block on Vanderbilt Square. It was impossible to put it with the Circulating Library for lack of space. It is conveniently set up where it is, but it is an embarrassment to the work of the library as well as to many of the patrons to have the library thus divided.

The books of reference have been considerably increased during the year. Many good books have been bought for the Art Department, and there have been many volumes added to the local and family history. The use of the books of reference has been very much increased during the year. It must become more and more useful as people learn of its excellence.

A list of the books on local and family history is now being

published which will add very much to the facility with which people can read the books. This list has been compiled by Mrs. M. L. Kellogg.

In January, 1901, Andrew Carnegie, Esq., at the request of his honor, Mayor McGuire, kindly offered aid to the city in the matter of putting up a new library building, and on January 21 a special meeting of the Trustees was called at the request of the Mayor to hear the terms of this offer. The Mayor laid the matter before the Trustees in a few brief words and offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Andrew Carnegie, the great philanthropist, in a letter to Hon. James K. McGuire, Mayor of this city, has stated that he would be strongly disposed to build a public library building if the city would give a suitable location and agree to pay $30,000 a year in support of the public library, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library hereby gladly accepts the conditions suggested in the letter of Mr. Carnegie to the effect that at least the sum of $30,000 will be spent per annum on the Library as already provided by law and appropriation.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees tender the use of the present site, and respectfully suggest and urge the purchase of additional land, as follows: On Montgomery street 33 feet north of the present site, and on Onondaga street 68.9 feet east of the present site, making in all with the present site 165 feet on Montgomery street and 208.4 feet on Jefferson and East Onondaga streets. And be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Library Trustees for the Library and in the name of the people of Syracuse express, through this resolution, the thanks and gratitude of the people of Syracuse to Mr. Carnegie for his generous disposition to present this city with the public work so greatly needed and so ardently desired by our people.

This great generosity on the part of Mr. Carnegie was entirely unexpected by the Trustees and the public. His honor, Mayor McGuire, had done whatever work was connected with the attainment of this end, and the entire result is due to his earnestness and influence.

The Trustees at once directed the building committee to proceed with the consideration of plans and the preparation for the

work of building. That committee consisted of Trustees Hiram B. Danziger and Edward K. Butler. To these was added the President of the Board, John J. Cummins, and these constitute the committee for the work. This committee, with the approval of the Trustees, selected Mr. James A. Randall of the firm of Merrick & Randall, as architect. The committee, accompanied by the architect and the librarian, visited Washington, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Newark, N. J., Boston and Providence, observing libraries and making inquiries concerning library buildings. After their return the architect submitted to the Trustees a plan and design for the new building. After thorough discussion by the Trustees and the incorporation of such changes as seemed necessary, the Trustees sent the architect and the librarian to Albany to lay the plans before the State Librarian, Melvil Dewey, and the State Inspector of Libraries, W. E. Eastman, for their suggestions. These gentlemen expressed the greatest interest in our new building and were very commendatory of our plans, suggesting several improvements in the details.

Meanwhile the city took steps to acquire the adjoining land needed to enlarge the site for the new building. Bids also were received from various contractors. The work was let, and on June 15 the Trustees ordered the library closed and the books moved elsewhere, that the builders might have possession of the site. The work was let as follows:

Mason and carpenter work, David Murphy	$133,897 00
Plumbing, steam heating & ventilating, Wm. N. Tobin	12,340 00
Structural steel and fire-proofing, Expanded Metal Co.	26,000 00
Wiring and electrical work, C. H. Thompson	2,430 00
Total	$174,667 00

This amount with other necessary expenses, the Trustees estimate will come within the sum given by Mr. Carnegie. The Trustees hope that the city will pay for the furnishing of the Library in addition to the expense of the site.

The Trustees have rented for two years ending May 1, 1903, the building on the corner of Grape and Jefferson streets, formerly known as the Standard Club building, and in this the circulating

department of the Library, with the Newspaper Reading Room and the Children's Rooms, are conveniently arranged. The entire Reference Library with the Magazine Reading Room is put in the University building on Vanderbilt Square, where it is easy of access.

It is a serious inconvenience alike to the management of the Library and to many of the readers to have the Library thus divided, but it seemed the best possible solution of the problem of making a new building on the old site. This, with the strangeness of the new location and its distance from the old place, has somewhat reduced the circulation of books.

This report contains two cuts of the new building. One is the front with the entrance which will be on Montgomery street. The design for the side towards the little park, commonly known as the Library Circle, has been worked out by the Architect with much care and will give, it is hoped, a very pleasing result. The material will be light colored brick and Indiana limestone. The building is in the Modern French style, both for exterior and interior treatment. The idea has been to make it dignified, plain and substantial and large enough for future use.

The second cut given is the plan of the first floor. The approach is through a vestibule and entrance hall into the delivery room, which is a spacious hall about fifty feet square with the delivery desk set up in the middle of it. Beyond this desk to the left will be the work room and to the right the librarian's offices, while behind the desk will be stacks to be used for fiction and the more commonly used books. And still beyond, in full view, will be the main stack room.

At the right of the delivery room opens the periodical and newspaper room, and on the left of the delivery room is the children's room. Both these rooms are large and well lighted.

The second story will contain the same space as the first, except that the work room and the librarian's offices will not be extended up to the second story, thus affording abundant light to the delivery desks and the stacks beyond on the floor below. In the second story the reference books will be placed, where there will

be reading rooms, study rooms and a room which, if needed, may be used for a lecture room.

In the roof will be a story with ample height, lighted entirely from above. Part of the space of this story will be used temporarily by the Art Museum.

Underneath the whole building will be a lower story or cellar story, the floor of which will be but little below the surface, and which will be well lighted, ventilated and dry. Here there will be work rooms, store rooms, rooms for station and travelling libraries, packing rooms, machinery for the heating and ventilating work and for other uses. The boilers will be entirely outside the main building.

Rooms for the staff will be put into a mezzanine story between the first and second floors.

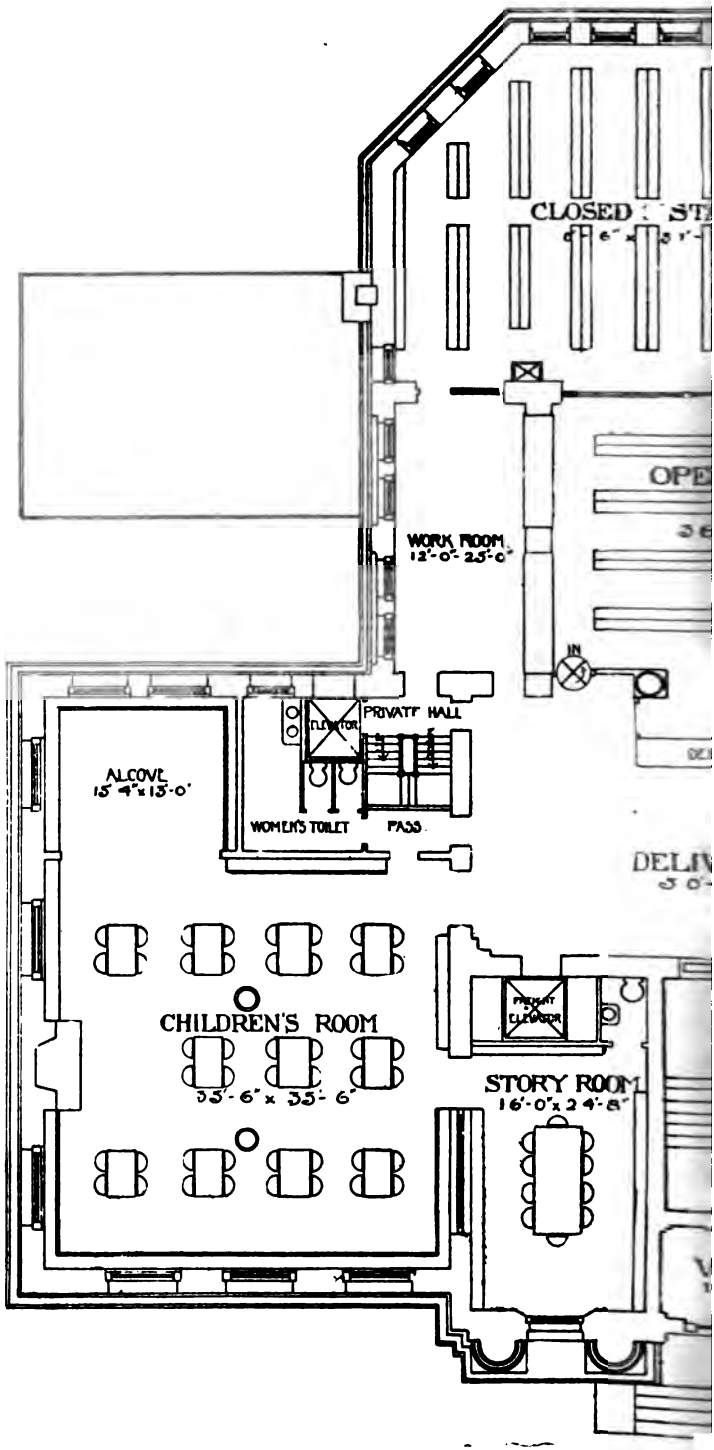
The entire arrangement has been studied with reference to the convenience of the public, and the committee have great hope that they will be able to produce good results.

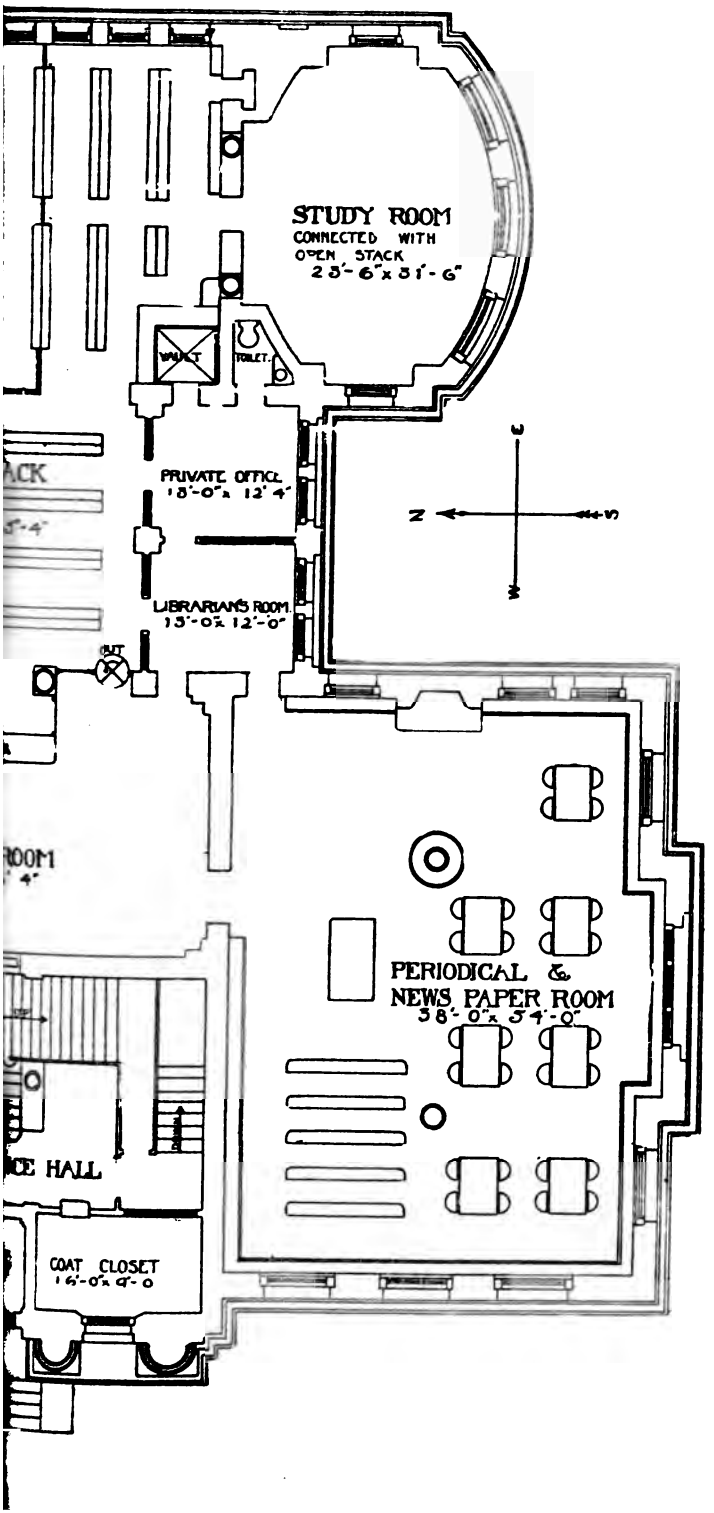
The new building will be ready, it is expected, before the close of the year 1902.

With thanks to the Board of Trustees for the constant kindness with which they have treated the members of the staff this report is respectfully submitted.

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

June 30 1901


CLOSED
WORK ROOM
12'-0" 25'-0"
IN
PRIVATE HALL
ELEVATOR
ALCOVE
15'-4" x 13'-0"
WOMEN'S TOILET
PASS
CHILDREN'S ROOM
35'-6" x 35'-6"
PRIVATE ELEVATOR
STORY ROOM
16'-0" x 24'-8"


STUDY ROOM
CONNECTED WITH
OPEN STACK
25'-6"x 31'-6"
VAULT
TOILET
PRIVATE OFFICE
15'-0"x 12'-4"
LIBRARIAN'S ROOM
15'-0"x 12'-0"
PERIODICAL &
NEWS PAPER ROOM
38'-0"x 34'-0"
COAT CLOSET
16'-0"x 9'-0"
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APPENDIX No. 1

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1901

RECEIPTS

City Appropriation	$25,544 00
Regents' Appropriation	367 19
	$25,911 19

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$8,782.65	
Serials	1,478.78	
Binding	969.83	
Repairs	1,377.13	
Supplies	2,444.58	
Incidentals	1,797.04	
Wages	9,061.18	
		$25,911.19

APPENDIX No. 2

TABLE OF EXPENDITURES 1896-1901

	Books	Serials	Binding	Repairs	Supplies	Contingent	Wages	Total
1895	4,810 42	605 89	664 08	944 44	602 20	280 65	3,816 81	11,274 89
1896	4,079 05	787 49	692 05	91 06	814 58	307 56	4.457 96	11,229 65
1897	5,873 91	934 10	1,014 86	219 12	1,023 37	1,688 60	4,984 97	15,738 93
1898	2,994 85	442 81	1,320 19	58 03	1,480 78	12,100 30	6,103 00	25,363 50
1899	8,132 39	1,483 71	1,017 61	687 23	2,211 11	2,862 26	7,417 65	23,811 96
1900	8,782 65	1,478 78	969 83	1,377 13	2,444 58	1,797 04	9,061 18	25,911 19

APPENDIX No. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER READING ROOM

CORNER OF JEFFERSON AND GRAPE STREETS

Albany Evening Journal
Boston Evening Transcript
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial
Chicago Inter-Ocean
Cincinnati Inquirer
Cleveland Leader
Congressional Record
Daily People
Detroit Free Press
Montana Daily Record
New Orleans Times-Democrat
New York Evening Post
New York Herald
New York Sun
New York Times
New York Tribune
New Yorker Volkszeitung
Omaha Bee
People
Philadelphia Press
Pittsburg Despatch
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
Rochester Post-Express
Rocky Mountain News
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
St. Paul Pioneer-Press
Springfield Republican
Syracuse Daily Journal
Syracuse Evening Herald
Syracuse Evening Telegram
Syracuse Post-Standard
Syracuse Union
Toronto Globe
Utica Observer
Vorwaerts
Washington Post
Worker's Call

WEEKLY PAPERS

American
Army and Navy Journal
Charleston Weekly News and Courier
Christian Science Sentinel
Collier's Weekly
Cycling Gazette
Fliegende Blaetter
Forest and Stream
Harper's Weekly
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
Illustrirte Zeitung
L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads
Leslie's Weekly
London Times
Nation
New Voice
New York Mail and Express
Northern Christian Advocate
Public
Punch
Ram's Horn
Saturday Evening Post
School
Syracuse Labor World
Traveller's Record
Universalist Leader
Volunteer's Gazette
War Cry
Weekly Oregonian
Weekly People

MONTHLY PAPERS

Altruist
Cook's Excursionist
Farm Journal
Herald of the Golden Age
Junior Republic Citizen
Vick's Monthly Magazine

APPENDIX No. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

CORNER GRAPE AND JEFFERSON STREETS

WEEKLIES

Great Round World
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Success
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

Nature Study Leaflets
Our Dumb Animals
Outing
Saint Nicholas

APPENDIX No. 5

PERIODICALS IN THE MAGAZINE READING ROOM

UNIVERSITY BLOCK SEVENTH FLOOR

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
Athenaeum
Book Notes
Charities
Commonwealth
Electrical World
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering News
English Mechanic
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
New Church Messenger
Notes and Queries
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Public Opinion
Publisher's Weekly
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Woman's Journal

MONTHLIES

American Journal of Philately
American Journal of Science
American Kitchen Magazine
American Microscopical Journal
American Monthly
American Museum Journal
American Naturalist
Architectural Review
Arena
Artist
Assayer
Association Review
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bookseller
Botanical Gazette
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club
Consular Reports
Contemporary Review
Cosmopolitan
Critic
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current History
Current Literature
Dial (Semi-Monthly)
Education
Educational Review
Engineering Magazine
Essex Antiquarian
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Genealogical Magazine
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Gospel in all Lands
Harper's Bazaar
Harper's Monthly
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Education (Eng.)

Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Bulletin of the Department of Labor
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
Collector
Literary News
Literary World (Semi-Monthly)
McClure's Magazine
Magazine of Art
Masters in Art
Meehan's Monthly
Missionary Review
Missionary Tidings
Model Engineer and Amateur Electrician
Modern Culture
Money
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer
Munsey
Music
National Builder
New England Magazine
New Man
New York Philatelist
Nineteenth Century
North American Notes and Queries
North American Review
Notes and Queries
Numismatist
Old Eliot
Outing
Overland Monthly
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of N. Y. Botanical Garden
Keith's Home Builder
Keramic Studio
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Lamp
Library Journal
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Photo-Miniature
Physical Culture
Physical Review
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Public Libraries
Putnam's Historical Magazine
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Revue des Deux Mondes
Sanitary Home
School Review
Science and Industry
Scribner's Magazine
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Studio
Temple Artisan
Trained Nurse
Universal Brotherhood Path
University Herald
United States Consular Reports
Westminster Review
World's Work
Writer

QUARTERLIES

Acadiensis
American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archaeology
English Historical Review
Fern Bulletin
Genealogical Advertiser
Genealogical Quarterly Magazine
Grant Family Magazine
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Historical Register (Medford, Mass.)

American Journal of Pshychology
American Journal of Sociology (Bi-monthly)
Annals of Botany
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Association Review
Auk
Bibliotheca Sacra
Bird Lore (Bi-Monthly)
Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics
Bureau of Economic Research
Columbia University Quarterly
Dedham Historical Register
Edinburgh Review
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Planets and People
Poet-Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Portfolio
Psychological Review
Publications of the American Statistical Association
Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
International Journal of Ethics
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Geology (Bi-Monthly)
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Lower Norfolk Co. Va. Antiquary
Mayflower Descendant
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New York Genealogical Record
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Quarterly Bulletin of Bureau of Economic Research
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Sound Currency
Southern Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary College Quarterly
Yale Review

APPENDIX No. 6

LIST OF BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY

	VOLS
C. W. Bardeen	1
The Rev. W. M. Beauchamp	1
J. Ten Eyck Burr	1
Prof. Ernst Held	1
Syracuse Herald	3
Dr. W. G. Hinsdale	2
Bishop F. D. Huntington	13
Prof. S. H. Ilsley	2
State of New Jersey	1
State of New York	12
Miss Harriet M. Mills	1
Frank Ryder	1
Mrs. Nelson Snow	1
F. P. Stearns	4
Mrs. Russell S. Taft	2
Mrs. W. W. Teall	1
Dr. Ely Van de Warker	5
H. G. Wadlin	2
Edgar L. Welch	1
D. P. Wood Estate	2
United States Government	33
Unknown	2
Total	92

APPENDIX No. 7

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION SINCE THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN IN ITS PRESENT BUILDING

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-1901
July	4,429	6,723	9,346	9,265	11,310	12,450
August	4,827	6,650	9,398	9,810	11,189	11,847
September	5,435	7,301	10,444	9,597	11,909	12,823
October	7,092	10,046	12,348	12,178	14,115	15,948
November	8,445	10,806	13,974	13,573	15,463	16,140
December	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,722	14,720	15,342
January	10,113	12,447	14,297	13,057	16,036	16,684
February	9,539	11,560	13,581	13,201	14,808	16,601
March	10,686	12,761	14,307	15,478	17,184	18,749
April	8,532	10,827	13,088	12,990	14,038	16,031
May	7,203	10,475	10,691	12,199	13,933	14,497
June	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,422	13,197	6,356
	91,793	121,571	145,313	145,492	167,902	173,468

APPENDIX No. 8

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	180	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,428	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,372	1,006	13,300	3,634.75
1875	301	138	41,628	491	13,791	4,086.36
1876	306	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	3,308.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	1,773.05
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,653.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,738.82
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,107 09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,058.31
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	5,298.65
1891	306	145	44,338	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
1895	177	253	44,585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	299	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,724.89
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	11,229.75
1898	305	477	145,513	4,573	38,804	15,738.93
1899	305	477	145,493	3,840	42,644	25,868.50
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	23,818.45
1901	293	593	173,468	5,227	52,855	25,911.19

APPENDIX No. 9

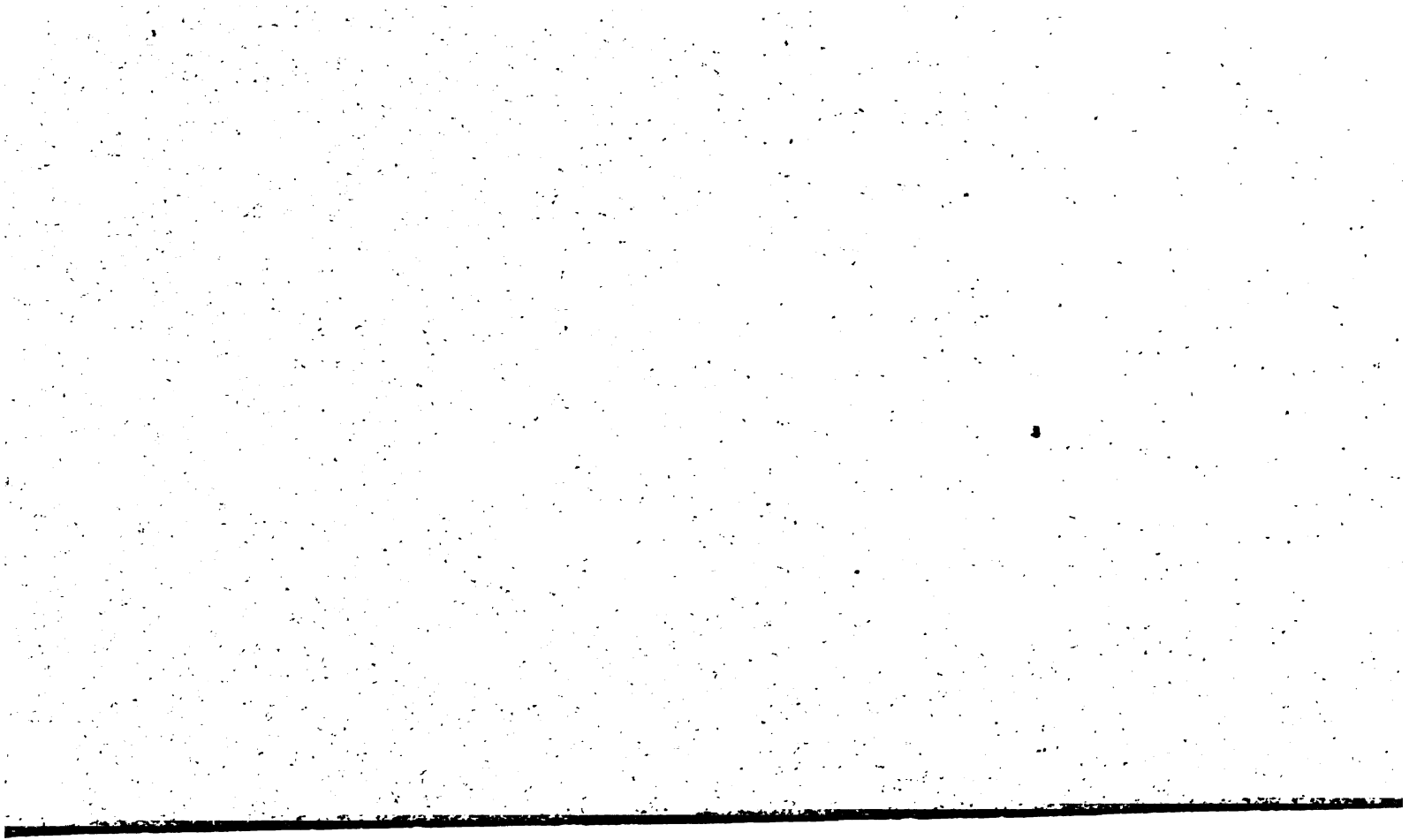
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Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 301 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own state government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons in seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1902

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1902.

CIRCULATION

The circulating department of the library has been open 262 days. It was closed July 1st and was moved to Jefferson street corner of Grape street, and opened August 19, 1901, in the building formerly known as the Standard Club building, where it is somewhat inconveniently housed. During ten months the library was open 12 hours daily, and from August 19 to September 1 it was open 9 hours daily, except on Saturdays when it was always kept open 12 hours.

The number of books given out was 132,990 volumes, a daily average of 507 volumes. This is a decrease since last year of 23 per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 2,869 volumes, and the average monthly circulation has been 13,299 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 896 volumes on March 16, 1902. The largest monthly circulation was 15,407 volumes in March, 1902. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix No. 7.

The number of books given out at the Juvenile desk during the year has been 28,542 volumes, a decrease below last year of 23 per cent.

In the Juvenile department is a convenient reading room with a large number of books to be read in the room to which young readers have full access.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 984.

The West End Station, in the charge of Mrs. E. A. Shoudy,

and the station at the Straight Line Engine Company's works, have been in operation during the year. A new branch has been started at Elmwood in charge of Miss Ada Widdrington. Libraries are sent to the Old Ladies' Home, to the fire engine houses, to the street railway barns and offices and to some of the public schools. Books have also been sent to some of the working rooms of the University for the use of classes in special subjects.

READING ROOMS

There are three Reading Rooms in the library. The Newspaper Reading Room and the Juvenile Reading Room are in the Circulating Department at the corner of Grape and Jefferson streets. The Newspaper Room is on the first floor and has 57 periodicals which come regularly, besides many others which are sent without charge and some of which are irregular.

The periodicals in this room are mostly newspapers from various parts of this country and of the world. Most of them are in the English language, with two in German and one in French.

The Juvenile Reading Room is on the second floor of the Circulating Department adjoining the Juvenile Circulating Department. In the Reading Room are 942 books on shelves for reference and for use in the room to which all readers have free access. There are 10 periodicals received regularly at this room. There have been 20,820 readers who have used this room during the past year.

The Magazine Reading Room is in the Reference Department in the University block on the seventh floor, and receives regularly 219 periodicals. In addition to these periodicals readers have direct access to all the cyclopedias, dictionaries, year books, bound sets of periodicals and other books in the reference library. There have been 23,060 persons who have come to this room during the year for use of the books and periodicals.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Reference Library is now in the University block on Vanderbilt Square. It was impossible to put it with the Circulating Library for lack of space. It is conveniently set up where it is, but it is an embarrassment to the work of the library as well to many of the patrons to have the library thus divided.

The books of reference have been considerably increased during the year. Many good books have been bought for the Art Department, and there have been many volumes added to the local and family history. This part of the library must become more and more useful as people learn of its excellence.

A list of the books on local and family history has been published. This list was compiled by Mrs. M. L. Kellogg, assistant in the Reference Library. A supplement will soon be issued.

The library now contains 56,910 volumes. Gifts have been received to the number of 42 volumes. The binding of periodicals has been 259 volumes and 5,033 have been purchased, making in all 5,339 volumes.

It will be seen by a study of the statistical tables given in the appendix that the work of the library has suffered from the change in its location and the inconvenience of its present situation. Twelve thousand of the Reference books have been withdrawn from use and stacked up in two rooms in the University block, and the remainder of the Reference Library is so limited in space that its use is much interfered with, and the separation of the two parts of the library by the distance of more than a quarter of a mile is a serious interference to both the administration and use of the library.

Meanwhile the outlook for the future is most encouraging. The new building is going gradually forward, and when it is ready for occupancy the library will have what is most important, space sufficiently large and convenient to accommodate the books and to make it easy for the public and for the attendants to accomplish the uses of a library. And when this point is reached and we have an ample fire proof building, it is to be hoped not only that the public appropriations for books will be increased, but also that private persons will present to the library many valuable books which may be preserved without danger of destruction.

At the front of this report is a good sketch by which some idea of the appearance of the new building is given.

Respectfully submitted,

June 30, 1902. EZEKIEL W. MUNDY.

APPENDIX No. 1

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 30 1901

RECEIPTS

From the City	$30,526 24
" " Regents	200 00
In hands of Clerk Jan. 1, 1901	250 00
	$30,976 24

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$9,358 64	
Serials	1,485 27	
Binding	1,109 89	
Repairs	396 55	
Supplies	3,112 65	
Incidentals	670 40	
Building Expenses	5,599 94	
Wages	9,242 90	
		$30,976 24

APPENDIX NO. 2

TABLE OF EXPENDITURES 1896-1902

	Books	Serials	Binding	Repairs	Supplies	Contingent	Wages	Total
1895	4,810.42	605.89	664.08	944.44	602.20	280.65	3,816.81	11,274.89
1896	4,079.05	787.49	692.05	91.06	814.58	307.56	4,457.96	11,229.65
1897	5,873.91	934.10	1,014.86	219.12	1,023.37	1,688.60	4,984.97	15,738.93
1898	2,994.85	442.81	1,320.19	58.03	1,480.78	13,100.80	6,103.00	25,868.50
1899	8,182.89	1,488.71	1,017.61	687.23	2,211.11	3,862.26	7,417.65	23,811.96
1900	8,782.65	1,478.78	969.88	1,377.13	2,444.58	1,797.04	9,061.18	25,911.19
1901	9,358.64	1,485.27	1,109.89	396.55	3,112.65	6,260.34	9,242.90	30,976.24

APPENDIX NO. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER READING ROOM

CORNER OF GRAPE AND JEFFERSON STREETS

DAILIES

Albany Evening Journal
Boston Evening Transcript
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial
Chicago Tribune
Cincinnati Inquirer
Cleveland Leader
Detroit Free Press
New Orleans Times-Democrat
New York Evening Post
New York Herald
New York Mail and Express
New York Sun
New York Times
New York Tribune
Omaha Bee
Philadelphia Press
Pittsburg Despatch
Richmond Despatch
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
Rochester Post-Express
Rocky Mountain News
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
St. Paul Pioneer-Press
Springfield Republican
Syracuse Daily Journal
Syracuse Evening Herald
Syracuse Evening Telegram
Syracuse Post-Standard
Syracuse Union
Toronto Globe
Utica Observer
Vorwaerts
Washington Post

WEEKLIES

Army and Navy Journal
Chicago Socialist
Christian Science Sentinel
Collier's Weekly
Fliegende Blaetter
Forest and Stream
Harper's Weekly
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
Illustrirte Zeitung
Leslie's Weekly
London Times
New Voice
Northern Christian Advocate
Public
Punch
Ram's Horn
Saturday Evening Post
School
Syracuse Labor World
Universalist Leader

MONTHLIES

Cook's Excursionist
Farm Journal

APPENDIX NO. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

CORNER OF GRAPE AND JEFFERSON STREETS

WEEKLIES

Great Round World
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Success
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

Junior Republic Citizen
Nature Study Leaflets
Our Dumb Animals
Outing
Saint Nicholas

APPENDIX NO. 5

PERIODICALS IN THE MAGAZINE READING ROOM

UNIVRESITY BLOCK, SEVENTH FLOOR

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
Athenaeum
Book Notes
Charities
Congressional Record
Electrical World
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering News
English Mechanic
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
Musical Courier
Nation
New Church Messenger
Notes and Queries
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Public Opinion
Publishers Weekly
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Woman's Journal

MONTHLIES

American Journal of Nursing
American Journal of Philately
American Journal of Science
American Journal of Sociology
American Kitchen Magazine
American Microscopical Journal
American Monthly
American Museum Journal
American Naturalist
Architectural Record
Architectural Review
Arena
Association Review
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Bibliographer
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bookseller (American)
Bookseller (English)
Botanical Gazette
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Bulletin of the Department of Labor
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
Collector
Consular Reports
Contemporary Review
Cosmopolitan
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Critic
Crop Reporter
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current History
Current Literature
Dial (semi-monthly)

Education
Educational Review
Engineering Magazine
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Genealogical Magazine
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Good Roads
Handicraft
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Monthly
House Beautiful
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Childhood and Adolescence
Journal of Education (Eng.)
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of New York Botanical Garden
Keith's Home Builder
Keramic Studio
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Literary News
Literary World (semi-monthly)
McClure's Magazine
Magazine of Art
Masters in Art
Meehan's Monthly
Mind
Missionary Review
Missionary Tidings
Model Engineer and Amateur Electrician
Modern Culture
Mosher's Magazine
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer
Munsey
Music
National Builder
National Geographical Magazine
New England Magazine
New York Department of Labor Bulletin
New York Philatelist
Nineteenth Century
North American Notes and Queries
North American Review
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Numismatist
Old China
Old Eliot
Outing
Overland Monthly
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Photo. Miniature
Physical Culture
Physical Review
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Public Libraries
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Revue des Deux Mondes
Sanitary Home
School Review
Science and Industry
Scribner's Magazine
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Studio
Sunset
Temple Artisan
Trained Nurse
United States Postal Guide
Universal Brotherhood Path
University Herald
Westminster Review
World To-day
World's Work
Writer

QUARTERLIES

Acadiensis
American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal

American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archaeology
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Sociology (Bi-Monthly)
Annals of Botany
Annals of the American Academy
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Association Review
Auk
Bibliotheca Sacra
Bird Lore (Bi-Monthly)
Bureau of Economic Research
Columbia University Quarterly
Dedham Historical Register
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
Essex Antiquarian
Fern Bulletin
Genealogical Advertiser
Genealogical Quarterly Magazine
Grant Family Magazine
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Historical Register (Medford Mass.)
International Journal of Ethics
International Monthly
Ipswich Historical Society Publications
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Geology (Bi-Monthly)
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Lower Norfolk Co. Va. Antiquary
Mayflower Descendant
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New Haven Colony Historical Society Papers
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Record
Old Eliot
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Planets and People
Poet Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Portfolio
Psychological Review
Publications of Southern History
Publications of the American Statistical Association
Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
Quarterly Bulletin of Bureau of Economic Research
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Sound Currency
Southern Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary College Quarterly
Yale Review

APPENDIX No. 6

LIST OF BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY

	VOLS
C. K. Collins	1
Daughters of the Revolution	1
Henry Goldberg	1
David Lubin	1
Ezekiel W. Mundy	1
New York State	12
Mr. Stirling	1
United States Government	19
Unknown	1
Mrs. A. S. Van Wagenen	2
H. G. Wadlin	2
Total	42

APPENDIX No. 7

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-01	1901-02
July ..	4,429	6,723	9,346	9,265	11,310	12,450	Closed
Aug ..	4,827	6,650	9,398	9,810	11,189	11,847	3,292
Sept...	5,435	7,801	10,444	9,597	11,909	12,823	8,719
Oct....	7,092	10,046	12,348	12,178	14,115	15,948	12,254
Nov...	8,445	10,806	13 974	13,573	15,463	16,140	13,658
Dec ...	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,722	14,720	15,342	13,212
Jan ...	10,113	12,447	14,297	13,057	16,036	16,684	14,513
Feb ...	9,539	11,560	13,581	13,201	14,808	16,601	13,822
Mch ..	10,686	12,761	14,307	15,478	17,184	18,749	15,407
April.	8,532	10,827	13,088	12,990	14,038	16,031	13,702
May...	7,203	10,475	10,691	12,199	13,933	14,497	13,213
June .	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,422	13,197	6,356	11,198
	91,793	121,571	145,313	145,492	167,902	178,468	132,990

In 1901-02 the library was closed from July 1 to August 19.

APPENDIX No. 8

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,428	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,428	8,778.41
1874	264	137	36,273	1,006	13,300	8,684.75
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	4,086.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,566.80
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,844	3,308.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,428	1,773.05
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,079 77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,658.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,738.83
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000 16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,828	745	18,062	3,107 09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,058 31
1889	308	143	43,416	2,386	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,308	1,466	21,541	5,298.65
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,028	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31.145	11,724.89
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	11,239 75
1898	305	477	145,318	4,573	38,804	15,738.93
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	25,363.50
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USE OF THE LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., and on other days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m., and on Saturdays until 9 p. m. On Sundays from October 15th to May 15th the reading rooms are open from 2 p. m. until 6 p m.

Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 294 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own state government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1903

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees
of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1903.

The circulating department of the library has been open 305 days. It is in the building formerly known as the Standard Club building on Jefferson street, corner of Grape street. During ten months the library was open 12 hours daily, and from July 1, to September 1, it was open 9 hours daily, except on Saturday when it was always kept open 12 hours.

The number of books given out was 152,956 volumes, a daily average of 501 volumes. This is an increase since last year of 14 per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 2,941 volumes, and the average monthly circulation has been 12,746 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 958 volumes, on February 7, 1903. The largest monthly circulation was 15,046 volumes in March, 1903. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix No. 7.

The number of books given out at the Juvenile desk during the year has been 31,345 volumes. This is an increase since last year of 9 per cent. In the Juvenile department is a convenient reading room with a large number of books to be read in the room to which young readers have full access.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 1,372.

The number of German readers is growing less year by year. This is doubtless partly the result of the fact that there have not been many new books placed in that department of late years, but more largely the result of the decline in demand for German books. The older German people who like to read in their own language

are becoming fewer every year, and the young people naturally prefer to read English.

READING ROOMS

There are three Reading Rooms in the library. The Newspaper Reading Room and the Juvenile Reading Room are in the Circulating Department at the corner of Grape and Jefferson streets. The Newspaper Room is on the first floor and has 57 periodicals which come regularly, besides many others which are sent without charge, some of which are irregular.

The periodicals in this room are mostly newspapers from various parts of this country and of the world. Most of them are in the English language, with two in German and one in French and one in Italian.

The Juvenile Reading Room is on the second floor of the building adjoining the Juvenile Circulating Department. In the Reading Room are 880 books on shelves for reference and for use in the room to which all readers have free access. There are 9 periodicals received regularly at this room. There have been 15,410 readers who have used this room during the past year.

The Magazine Reading Room is in the Reference Department in the University block on the seventh floor, and receives regularly 219 periodicals. In addition to these periodicals readers have direct access to all the cyclopedias, dictionaries, year books, bound sets of periodicals and other books in the reference library. There have been 29,823 persons who have come to this room during the year for use of the books and periodicals.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Reference Library is now in the University block on Vanderbilt Square. It was impossible to have it with the Circulating Library for lack of space. It is conveniently set up where it is, but it is an embarrassment to the work of the library as well as to many of the patrons to have the library thus divided.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and is doing good service for that neighborhood. The same may be said of the Elmwood Station which is in charge of Miss Ethel Widdrington.

The citizens on the north side of the canal have been for some

time urging the opening of a Branch Library in that part of the city. The Trustees have decided to open a small branch there to meet the wishes of the people.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Home, to clubs, to schools that asked for them, to the Reading Rooms of the Rapid Transit Company and to some of the working rooms in the University. While the circulation of these books in these ways makes no show in the statistics of circulation, many people are thereby able to get the reading of books to whose attention they would not otherwise be brought. The statistics of the circulation at Elmwood and the West End are included in our regular statistics.

By a comparison of our statistical tables it will be seen that the circulation is showing the disadvantages of our present disorganized condition and inconvenient location. The number of books given out has steadily increased year by year until the division of the Library and its removal to our present places. The result has been that while the expense of administration has been considerably increased, these inconveniences have decreased the use of the Library by the public.

The books of reference have been increased during the year. Many good books have been bought for the art collection, and there have been many volumes added to the local and family history. This part of the library must become more and more useful as people learn of its excellence.

A list of books on family and local history with a supplement has been published. This list was compiled by Mrs. M. L. Kellogg, assistant in the Reference Library.

The Library now contains 61,097 volumes. Gifts have been received to the number of 439 volumes. The binding of periodicals has been 188 volumes and 4,607 have been purchased, making in all 5,150 volumes.

The additions to the library during the last year have been slightly less than for the year before. There have been many books of permanent value purchased. The reference library has grown in its demands and it has received the careful attention of the Book Committee.

Among the books put in are the following:

A set of the *Annual Register*, in 75 vols., 1758 to 1828, a semi-official English publication covering the period of the French and Indian wars in America, the Revolutionary war and war of 1812 to 1815, and giving the English view of those wars.

A set of the *Chemical Gazette and News* in 84 vols., containing a complete history of the science of chemistry from its rise to the present day.

Early English text Society Publications. 146 Vols.

A set of the publications of the International Correspondence Schools in 61 vols., being the Text books for the modern sciences.

A partial set of the Publications of the Surtees Society of England, 50 vols., on the literature and antiquities of early England, given by the Surtees Society.

Revue des deux Mondes from 1879 to 1892, a standard French periodical. 128 Vols.

Pickering's edition of the English Book of Common Prayer, beautifully made in black letter, folio, bound in vellum, 7 volumes.

The new and complete edition of Ruskin's works in 30 vols. published by Allen.

A nearly complete set of the works of the artist Walter Crane in the first editions.

Congregational Year Book, given by Mrs .Ethan Curtis. 27 Vols.

We have also completed our set of the Publications of the Southern Historical Association in 30 volumes; also our set of the *American Catholic Quarterly Review* in 28 volumes; obtained the new Supplement to the *Encyclopedia Britannica* in 11 volumes and the new *Universal Encyclopedia* in 16 volumes; purchased 61 volumes of *Littells' Living Age*, and many other valuable books in art, science, history, genealogy and philosophy.

The question is often asked, How much does it cost to circulate books? This is not easily answered. It may be said before trying to answer it that the most important work which a good library does in a community is not the circulating of books. The most expensive and the most useful books which this library has are books which are not circulated. They are bought and arranged in the reference part of the library and people

come to the building for their use. All our newspapers and magazines, of which we receive nearly three hundred, are also used only in the buildings.

More books and magazines are used in the library than are sent out to people.

In computing the cost of all library work there is the original cost of the books, the work of classifying and cataloguing them, the cost of maintaining the building, caring for the books, and keeping the books in repair and the cost of getting them to the readers.

Librarian Brett of the Cleveland Public Library, in his last report calls attention to the fact that the expenses of a library may be divided into three parts, cost of maintanence and care, cost of growth and extension, cost of the service of the public, and that the cost of these three items is nearly equal.

In this library during 1902 about thirty-eight per cent. of the expenditures was for maintenance, thirty-two per cent for increase and thirty per cent. for cost of serving the public.

It may be said then that the plant, its maintenance and its increase being given, it costs us about six cents for every book taken out. But when it is considered that not more than half the public service is done by giving out books, the statement of cost might fairly be placed at three cents or less for all the books used by the public. If, however, the entire expense of maintenance, increase and service of the public were taken into the reckoning and charged to the account of books circulated, the cost would be ten cents.

The new Library Building is advancing towards completion. There have been many delays in the work and its progress has sometimes been discouragingly slow. The expectation now is that we shall get into it in April or May of next year. As it goes forward with its fine exterior and its ample spaces within, the patience of all who are interested in the library is somewhat tried by the delay. Good things however, are likely to come slowly, and it will be the more prized as the crowded and inconvenient situation of our present quarters becomes more tedious. It is expected that Mr. Carnegie will be present at the opening of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

June 30, 1903. EZEKIEL W. MUNDY.

APPENDIX No. 1

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1902

RECEIPTS

From the City	$30,000 00
State Regents	1,268 78
"	100 00
	$31,368.78

EXPENDITURES

For Books	9,115 94	
Serials	987 44	
Binding	1,439 12	
Repairs	140 77	
Supplies	4074 79	
Incidentals	4,494 40	
Wages	11,116 66	
		$31,368 78

FINANCES AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1902

RECEIPTS

For Fines	$255 61
Subscriber's Fees (outside the city)	19 00
Books lost	2 30
	$276 91
In hand Jan. 1 1901	3 59
	$280 50

EXPENDITURES

For Postage	$16 05	
Express and Cartage	75 18	
Supplies	189 16	
In hand Dec 31	11	
		$280 50

APPENDIX NO. 2

TABLE OF EXPENDITURES 1895-1902

	Books	Serials	Binding	Repairs	Supplies	Contingent	Wages	Total
1895	4,810.42	605.89	664.08	944.44	602.20	280.65	3,816.81	11,274.89
1896	4,079.05	787.49	692.05	91.06	814.58	307.56	4,457.96	11,229.65
1897	5,873.91	934.10	1,014.86	219.12	1,023.37	1,688.60	4,984.97	15,738.93
1898	2,994.85	442.81	1,320.19	58.03	1,480.78	12,100.30	6,103.00	25,368.50
1899	8,132.39	1,483.71	1,017.61	687 23	2,211.11	2,862.26	7,417.65	23,811.96
1900	8,782.65	1,478.78	969.83	1,377.13	2,444.58	1,797.04	9,061.18	25,911.19
1901	9,358.64	1,485.27	1,109.89	396.55	3,112.65	6,260.34	9,242.90	30,976.24
1902	9,115.94	987.44	1,489.12	140.77	4,074.79	4,494.06	11,116.66	31,368.78

APPENDIX NO. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER READING ROOM

CORNER OF GRAPE AND JEFFERSON STREETS

DAILIES

Albany Evening Journal
Boston Evening Transcript
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial
Chicago Tribune
Cincinnati Inquirer
Cleveland Leader
Detroit Free Press
New Orleans Times-Democrat
New York Evening Post
New York Herald
New York Mail and Express
New York Sun
New York Times
New York Tribune
Omaha Bee
Philadelphia Press
Pittsburg Despatch
Richmond Times-Despatch
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
Rochester Post-Express
Rocky Mountain News
St. Louis Globe Democrat
St. Paul Pioneer-Press
Springfield Republican
Syracuse Daily Journal
Syracuse Evening Herald
Syracuse Evening Telegram
Syracuse Post-Standard
Syracuse Union
Toronto Globe
Utica Observer
Washington Post

WEEKLIES

Army and Navy Journal
Chicago Socialist
Christian Science Sentinel
Churchman
Collier's Weekly
Fliegende Blaetter
Forest and Stream
Franklin County Forum
Harper's Weekly
Illustrated London News
L'Illustration
L'Illustratione Italiana
Illustrirte Zeitung
Leslie's Weekly
Living Church
London Times
New Voice
Northern Christian Advocate
Public
Punch
Ram's Horn
Saturday Evening Post
School
Syracuse Labor World
Universalist Leader

MONTHLIES

Cook's Excursionist
Farm Journal

APPENDIX NO. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

CORNER OF GRAPE AND JEFFERSON STREETS

WEEKLIES

Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Success
Week's Progress
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

Junior Republic Citizen
Outing
Saint Nicholas
Syracuse Messenger

APPENDIX NO. 5

PERIODICALS IN THE MAGAZINE READING ROOM

UNIVERSITY BLOCK SEVENTH FLOOR

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
Athenaeum
Book Notes
Charities
Congressional Record
Electrical World
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering News
English Mechanic
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
Musical Courier
Nation
New Church Messenger
Notes and Queries
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Public Opinion
Publisher's Weekly
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Woman's Journal

MONTHLIES

Amateur Work
American Journal of Nursing
American Journal of Science
American Monthly
American Museum Journal
American Naturalist
Architectural Record
Architectural Review
Arena
Association Review
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Bibliographer
Backwood's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bookseller (English)
Botanical Gazette
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Bulletin of the Department of Labor
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
Collector
Connecticut Magazine
Conservator
Consular Reports
Contemporary Review
Cosmopolitan
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Critic
Crop Reporter
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current Literature
Dial (semi-monthly)
Education
Educational Review
Engineer
Engineering Magazine
Fortnightly Review

Genealogical Magazine
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Handicraft
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Monthly
Home Science Magazine
House Beautiful
Irrigation and Forestry
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Applied Microscopy
Journal of Chemical Industry
Journal of Education (Eng.)
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of New York Botanical Garden
Keith's Home Builder
Keramic Studio
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Literary News
Literary World (semi-monthly)
McClure's Magazine
Magazine of Art
Masters in Art
Medford Historical Register
Mind
Missionary Review
Missionary Tidings
Model Engineer and Amateur Electrician
Mosher's Magazine
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer
Munsey
Music
National Builder
National Geographical Magazine
New England Magazine
New York Department of Labor Bulletin
New York Philatelist
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Notes and Queries
Numismatist
Old China
Outing
Overland Monthly
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Photo Miniature
Physical Culture
Physical Review
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Public Libraries
Records of the Past
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Revue des Deux Mondes
School Review
Science and Industry
Scribner's Magazine
Southern Workman
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Studio
Sunset
Temple Artisan
United States Postal Guide
University Herald
Westminster Review
World To-day
World's Work
Writer

QUARTERLIES

Acadiensis
American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archæology
American Journal of Psychology
American Journal of Sociology (bi-monthly)
Annals of Botony
Annals of the American Academy

Asiatic Quarterly Review
Auk
Association Review
Bibliotheca Sacra
Bird Lore (bi-monthly)
Booklover
Columbia University Quarterly
Dedham Historical Register
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
Essex Antiquarian
Fern Bulletin
Forum
Genealogical Advertiser
Genealogical Quarterly Magazine
Grant Family Magazine
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Hibbert Journal
Historical Register (Medford Mass)
International Journal of Ethics
International Quarterly
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Comparative Literature
Journal of Geology
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Lower Norfolk Co. Va. Antiquary
Mayflower Descendant
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New Haven Colony Historical Society Papers
New Shakespeareana
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
Old Eliot
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Planets and People
Poet Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Portfolio
Psychological Review
Publications of Southern History
Publications of the American Statistical Association
Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
Quarterly Bulletin of Bureau of Economic Research
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Sound Currency
South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine
University Chronicle
Vermont Antiquarian
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary Quarterly
Yale Review
Year Books of Probate

APPENDIX NO. 6

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

The Rev. W. M. Beauchamp	13
J. H. Ten Eyck Burr	1
Andrew Boyd	1
Dudley R. Child	1
Chicago & New York Railway Co	1
City of Boston	2
" " Chicago	2
" " Philadelphia	3
" " Syracuse	2
Theodore W. Clark	4
Collier & Son	8
The Rev. Ethan Curtis	1
Mrs. Ethan Curtis	27
C. F. Daggett	1
A. J. Edmunds	1
Douglas N. Green	1
Mrs. H. A. Gridley	2
Frank Hopkins	49
The Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington	8
Gerald Jacobson	7
Albert Leffingwell	1
Philadelphia Medical College	1
L. V. F. Randolph	1
Alvin Rice	2
Mrs. H. Russ	4
Mrs. Robert Sloan	13
The Rev. G. B. Spalding, D. D.	1
State of Kansas	1
" " Michigan	2
" " New York	26
" " North Carolina	2
" " Wisconsin	1
Surtees Society (Eng.)	53
Syracuse Directory Co.	60
Syracuse Herald	5
United States Government	108
University of the State of New York	12
Ely Van De Warker, M. D.	2
Unknown	9
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There have also been 446 pamphlets given to the library during the year. Of these Dr. S. A. Green of Boston, gave 91 Historical pamphlets most of them on subjects connected with New England History, and of value to students. Others were given by authors, libraries and publishing houses.

APPENDIX No. 7

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-01	1901-02	1902-03
July ..	4,429	6,723	9,346	9,265	11,310	12,450	Closed	10,923
Aug ..	4,837	6,650	9,398	9,810	11,189	11,847	3,292	11,398
Sept...	5,435	7,301	10,444	9,597	11,909	12,823	8,719	11,465
Oct....	7,092	10,046	12,348	12,178	14,115	15,948	12,254	13,110
Nov...	8,445	10,806	13,974	13,573	15,468	16,140	13,658	13,111
Dec ...	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,722	14,720	15,342	13,312	13,268
Jan ...	10,113	12,447	14,297	13,057	16,036	16,684	14,513	14,475
Feb ...	9,539	11,560	13,581	13,201	14,808	16,601	13,822	13,983
Mch ..	10,686	12,761	14,307	15,478	17,184	18,749	15,407	15,046
April.	8,532	10,827	13,088	12,990	14,038	16,031	13,702	13,166
May...	7,203	10,475	10,691	12,199	13,933	14,497	13,213	11,470
June .	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,422	13,197	6,356	11,198	11,542
	91,798	121,571	145,313	145,492	167,902	178,468	133,990	152,956

In 1901-02 the library was closed from July 1 to August 19.

APPENDIX No. 8

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	3,684.75
1875	301	138	41,628	491	13,791	4,086.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	15,344	3,306.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	15,423	1,773.05
1881	275	137	36,878	434	15,692	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,653.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,738.32
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.87
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,107 09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,058.31
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	5,298.65
1891	306	145	44,288	1,074	22,374	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,948.00
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,724.89
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	11,229.75
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	15,788.93
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	25,363.50
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	23,818.45
1901	293	592	173,468	5,227	52,855	25,911.19
*1902	262	597	152,990	5,339	56,910	30,976.24
1903	305	501	152,956	5,150	61,097	31,368.78

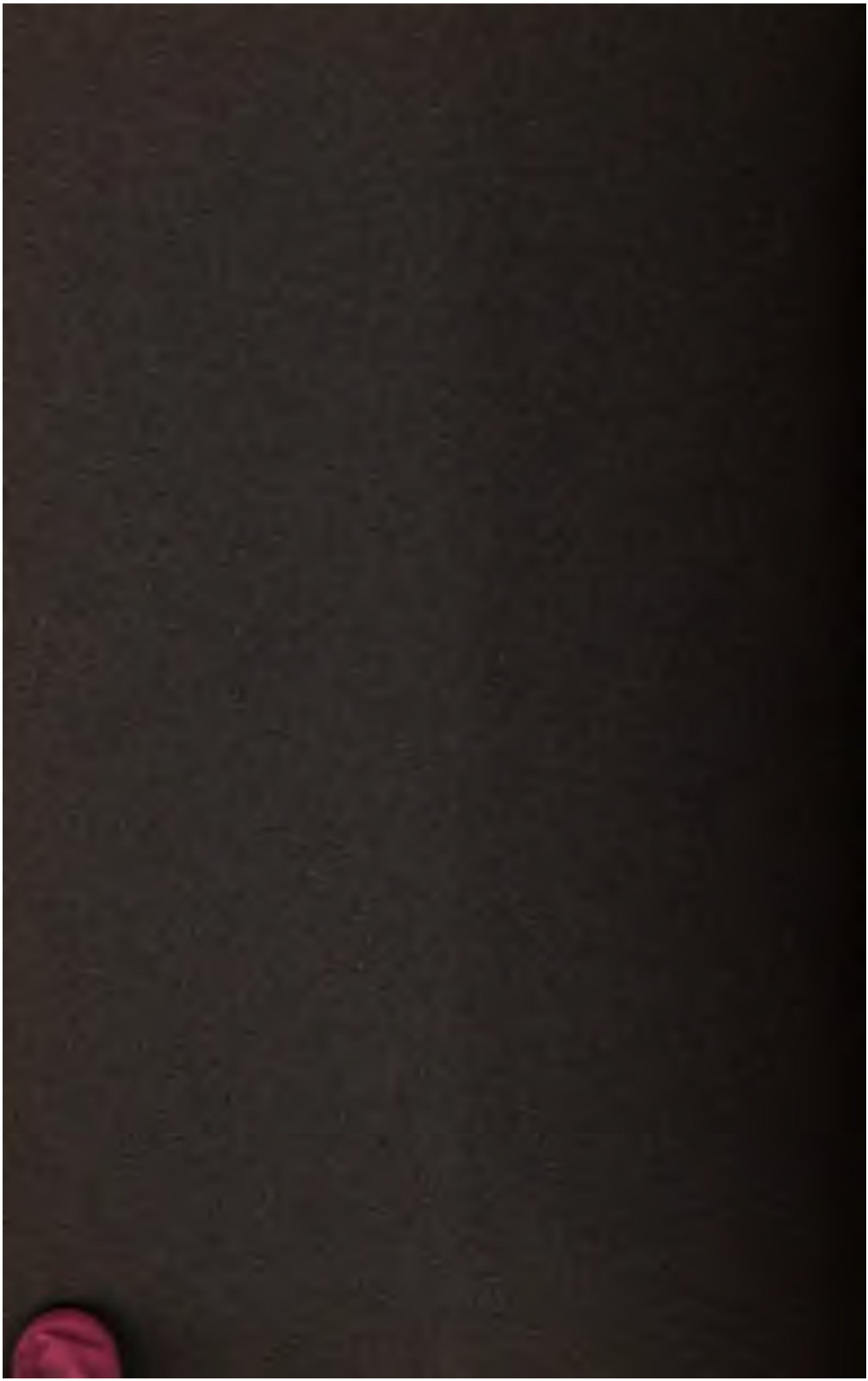
* The Library was not open for the full year.

APPENDIX No. 9

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS 1902–1903

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896–1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897–1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,631	145,313
1898–1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899–1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,897	1,398	2,148	5,766	4,138	3,000	5,413	138,630	167,902
1900–1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,333	5,633	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901–1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,088	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,398	106,292	132,990
1902–1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,532	5,308	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956





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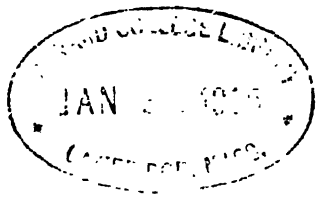
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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1904

1904
THE LYMAN PRESS DIBBEL BUILDING
SYRACUSE N. Y.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1903-1904

EX-OFFICIO

ALAN C. FOBES, Mayor

ANDREW B. BLODGETT, Superintendent of Schools

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J. WILLIAM SMITH	" " 1907
RODERICK C. McLENNAN	" " 1908
JOHN J. CUMMINS	" " 1909

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FRANK W. TRAUGOTT Treasurer

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY Clerk

STANDING COMMITTEES

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The reading rooms receive regularly 314 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own state government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1904

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees
of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:—The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1904.

The circulating department of the library has been open 305 days. It is in the building formerly known as the Standard Club building on Jefferson street, corner of Grape street. During ten months the library was open 12 hours daily, and from July 1, to September 1, it was open 9 hours daily, except on Saturday when it was always kept open 12 hours.

The number of books given out was 158,323 volumes, a daily average of 520 volumes. This is an increase since last year of 3 per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 3,044 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 13,193 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1165 volumes on February 13, 1904. The largest monthly circulation was 16,472 volumes in March 1904. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 2855.

READING ROOMS

There are three Reading Rooms in the library. The Newspaper Reading Room and the Juvenile Reading Room are in the Circulating Department at the corner of Grape and Jefferson streets. The Newspaper Room is on the first floor and has 60 periodicals which come regularly, besides many others which are sent without charge, some of which are irregular.

The periodicals in this room are mostly newspapers from various parts of this country and of the world. Most of them are in the English language, with two in German and one in French and one in Italian.

The Juvenile Reading Room is on the second floor of the building adjoining the Juvenile Circulating Department. In the Reading Room are 880 books on shelves for reference and for use in the room to which all readers have free access. There are 10 periodicals received regularly at this room. There have been 15,803 readers who have used this room during the past year.

The Magazine Reading Room is in the Reference Department in the University block on the seventh floor, and receives regularly 241 periodicals. In addition to these periodicals readers have direct access to all the cyclopedias, dictionaries, year books, bound sets of periodicals and other books in the reference library.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Reference Library is now in the University block on Vanderbilt Square. It was impossible to have it with the Circulating Library for lack of space. It is conveniently set up where it is, but it is an embarrassment to the work of the library as well as to many of the patrons to have the library thus divided.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and is doing good service for that neighborhood. The same may be said of the Elmwood Station which is in charge of Miss Ethel Widdrington.

The North Side branch library is in the Odd Fellows' Hall at the corner of Ash and Townsend streets, and is in charge of Miss Mary Schaefer. It was opened October 19, 1903, and has circulated 10,255 volumes including 1970 German books and 3247 Juvenile books. There is a reading room with the leading magazines.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Home, to clubs, to schools that asked for them, to the Reading Rooms of the Rapid Transit Company and to some of the working rooms in the University. While the circulation of these books in these ways makes no show in the statistics of circulation, many people are thereby able to get the reading of books to whose attention they would not otherwise be brought. The statistics of the circulation at Elmwood and the West End are included in our regular statistics.

The library now contains 64,710 volumes. Gifts have been received to the number of 419 volumes. The binding of periodicals

has been 298 volumes and 3168 have been purchased, making in all 3613 volumes added during the year.

The thanks of the library are due to our member of Congress Mr. Driscoll and to Senator White. The Senator gave two hundred and fifty volumes of public documents which will do much toward the completion of our sets.

From Mr. Henry J. Howe the library received a volume of "The Daily Star," an early Syracuse newspaper published in 1849.

The Sampson & Murdock Company, who are publishers of directories in Syracuse, have contributed largely to our case of City Directories. They have given us twenty-one directories, thereby enabling us to accommodate many business men who are interested in other cities. They have made similar gifts to the library before.

From Captain George K. Collins the library received a typewritten copy of a book by himself in two volumes on the History and Records of the Graveyards in the town of Groton. The book is illustrated by photographs taken by Capt. Collins.

Just after the close of the year Doctor Beauchamp, our best authority on the early history of this part of the State and of the Indians in this State, gave to the library a volume written by his own hand of 137 pages of comments and criticisms on Clark's Onondaga. It is to be hoped that this valuable manuscript will be published. One of the religious friends of the library says "It will be a sin not to publish it."*

The number of books purchased during the year has been less than it has been for several years. It was necessary to limit the purchase of expensive and valuable books on account of our extraordinary outlay in furnishing our new building.

Our expenses were still further increased by the opening of a branch library in the northern part of the city. This branch has been very successful and helps to increase our circulation.

It will be gratifying to those interested in the library to notice that notwithstanding these increased limitations upon our book-buying, and the continued inconvenience of our accommodations the circulation has increased during the year.

*Since this was written the Trustees decided if possible to publish this book.

APPENDIX No. 2

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

CORNER OF GRAPE AND JEFFERSON STREETS

WEEKLIES

Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Success
Week's Progress
Wellspring
Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

Junior Republic Citizen
Outing
Saint Nicholas
Syracuse Messenger

APPENDIX No. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE MAGAZINE READING ROOM

UNIVERSITY BLOCK SEVENTH FLOOR

WEEKLIES

American Machinist
Athenaeum
Book Notes
Charities
Christian Nation
Congressional Record
Electrical World
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering News
English Mechanic
Genealogical Bulletin
Harper's Weekly
Helper
Independent
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
Louisiana Planter
Model Engineer
Musical Courier
Nation
New Church Messenger
New York University Bulletin
Notes and Queries
Official Gazette (Manila)
Outlook
Patent Office Reports
Public Opinion
Publisher's Weekly
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator
Syracuse University Weekly
Woman's Journal

MONTHLIES

Amateur Work
American Journal of Nursing
American Journal of Science
American Journal of Sociology
American Monthly
American Museum Journal
American Naturalist
Annals of the American Academy
Architectural Record
Architectural Review
Arena
Association Review
Atlantic Monthly
Badminton Magazine
Biblia
Biblical World
Biological Bulletin
Blackwood's Magazine
Booklover's Magazine
Bookman
Book Reviews
Bookseller (English)
Botanical Gazette
Brown Alumni Monthly
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics
Bulletin of the Department of Labor
Burlington Gazette
Burlington Magazine
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Champlain Educator
Chautauquan
Christian Science Journal
Collector
Conservator
Consular Reports

Contemporary Review
Cosmopolitan
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Critic
Crop Reporter
Cumulative Index to Periodicals
Current Literature
Dial (semi-monthly)
Education
Educational Review
Engineer
Engineering Magazine
Forestry and Irrigation
Fortnightly Review
Genealogical Magazine
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Handicraft
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Monthly
Home Science Magazine
House Beautiful
Indian's Friend
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Journal of Applied Microscopy
Journal of Chemical Industry
Journal of Education (Eng.)
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of Geology.
Journal of New York Botanical Garden
Keith's Home Builder
Keramic Studio
Kindergarten Magazine
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
Literary News
Literary World (semi-monthly)
McClure's Magazine
Magazine of Art
Masters in Art
Masters in Music
Mind
Missionary Review
Missionary Tidings
Model Engineer and Amateur Electrician
Mosher's Magazine
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer
Munsey
National Builder
National Geographical Magazine
Nature Study
New England Magazine
New Era
New York Department of Labor Bulletin
New York Philatelist
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Notes and Queries
Numismatist
Old China
Outing
Overland Monthly
Philosophical Review
Photographic Times
Photo Miniature
Physical Review
Picture and Art Trade
Plant World
Popular Science Monthly
Power
Public Libraries
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature
Records of the Past
Recreation
Review of Reviews
Revue des Deux Mondes
School Review
Science and Industry
Scribner's Magazine
Southern Workman
Spirit of Missions
Spirit of '76
Studio
Sunset
Temple Artisan
United States Postal Guide
University Chronicle
Westminster Review

World To-day
World's Work
Writer

QUARTERLIES

Acadiensis
American Anthropologist
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Historical Review
American Journal of Archaeology
American Journal of Psychology
American Microscopical Society (Transactions)
American Museum Journal
American Statistical Association
Annals of Botony
Annals of the American Academy
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Auk
Association Review
Bibliotheca Sacra
Bird Lore (bi-monthly)
Booklover
California University of Publications, Geology
Columbia University Quarterly
Dedham Historical Register
Edinburgh Review
English Historical Review
Essex Antiquarian
Fern Bulletin
Forum
Genealogical Advertiser
Genealogical Quarterly Magazine
Grant Family Magazine
Harvard Graduates' Magazine
Hibbert Journal
Historical Register (Medford Mass)
International Journal of Ethics
International Quarterly
Journal of American Folklore
Journal of Comparative Literature
Journal of Geology
Journal of Pedagogy
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Lower Norfolk Co. Va. Antiquary
Mayflower Descendant
Monist
Municipal Affairs
New England Historical and Genealogical Register
New Haven Colony Historical Society Papers
New Shakespeareana
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
New York State Museum Bulletin
Old Eliot
Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
Oregon Historical Society Quarterly
Palestine Exploration Fund
Pedagogical Seminary
Pennsylvania Magazine
Planets and People
Poet Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Portfolio
Psychological Review
Publications of Southern History
Publications of the American Statistical Association
Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
Publications of the Southern Historical Association
Quarterly Bulletin of Bureau of Economic Research
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
St. John's Quarterly
Sound Currency
South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine
University Chronicle
Vermont Antiquarian
Virginia Magazine
William and Mary Quarterly
Yale Review
Year Books of Probate

APPENDIX No. 4

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston	1
Mrs. J. Barber	22
The Rev. W. M. Beauchamp	1
Buffalo Forge Co.	1
Andrew Carnegie	2
W. E. Chase	1
City of Boston	1
" " Boston, Registry Dep't	1
" " Chicago	1
" " Fitchburg	1
" " Syracuse	1
W. B. Cogswell	2
G. K. Collins	6
Thos. Cook & Son	1
George Davidson	1
Farnsworth Co.	1
A. B. Hepburn	1
Frank Hopkins	13
Henry J. Howe	1
The Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington	6
Gerald Jacobson	1
Jewish Publication Society	1
The Rev. E. W. Mundy	1
A. G. Pillsbury	2
J. C. Parshall	1
L. S. Richards	1
Sampson & Murdock Directory Co.	21
M. Schaefer	5
State of Connecticut, Bureau of Labor	1
" " Michigan, Bureau of Labor	1
" " New York	24
" " New York Geologist	1
Syracuse Herald	4
Syracuse University	1
United States Government	32
A. L. Wallon	1
The Hon. Horace White	250
J. C. Willmon	1
Unknown	5
	419

APPENDIX No. 5

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-01	1901-02	1902-03	1903-04
July ..	4,429	6,723	9,346	9,265	11,310	12,450	Closed	10,923	10,666
Aug ..	4,827	6,650	9,398	9,810	11,189	11,847	3,292	11,398	11,207
Sept...	5,435	7,801	10,444	9,597	11,909	12,823	8,719	11,465	11,100
Oct....	7,092	10,046	12,348	12,178	14,115	15,948	12,254	13,110	13,898
Nov...	8,445	10,806	13,974	13,573	15,463	16,140	13,658	13,111	14,084
Dec ...	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,722	14,720	15,342	13,212	13,268	14,282
Jan ...	10,113	12,447	14,297	13,057	16,036	16,684	14,513	14,475	14,729
Feb ...	9,589	11,560	13,581	13,201	14,808	16,601	13,822	13,982	14,937
Mch ..	10,686	12,761	14,307	15,478	17,184	18,749	15,407	15,046	16,472
April.	8,532	10,827	13,088	12,990	14,038	16,081	13,702	13,166	14,289
May...	7,203	10,475	10,691	12,199	13,983	14,497	13,313	11,470	11,548
June .	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,423	13,197	6,356	11,198	11,542	11,161
	91,793	121,571	145,313	145,492	167,902	178,468	132,990	152,956	158,328

In 1901-02 the library was closed from July 1 to August 19.

APPENDIX No. 6

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 7,090.50
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	4,671.92
1872	304	128	38,956		11,428	
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,428	3,778.41
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	3,684.75
1875	301	138	41,628	491	13,791	4,086.36
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,162.75
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,240.50
1878	198	175	35,616	632	14,829	3,566.30
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	3,308.95
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,428	1,773.05
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,693	2,079.77
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,658.51
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	2,788.33
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	3,126.37
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	4,000.16
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,183	3,100.71
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,107.09
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	3,058.31
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,487.16
1890	306	145	44,308	1,466	21,541	5,296.65
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,500.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,028	3,850.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	3,700.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	4,942.00
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	15,077.48
1896	307	299	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,724.89
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	11,239.75
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	15,738.98
1899	305	477	145,493	3,840	42,644	25,363.50
1900	305	557	167,903	6,350	48,014	23,818.45
1901	298	592	173,468	5,227	53,855	25,911.19
*1902	262	507	132,990	5,339	56,910	30,976.24
1903	305	501	152,956	5,150	61,097	31,368.78
1904	305	520	158,328	3,613	64,710	30,100.00

* The Library was not open for the full year.

APPENDIX No. 7

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS 1903-1904

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896-1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897-1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,681	145,313
1898-1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899-1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,897	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,138	3,000	5,413	138,680	167,902
1900-1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,383	5,688	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901-1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,088	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,298	106,292	132,990
1902-1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,582	5,308	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956
1903-1904	144	1,845	1,453	3,042	188	3,117	2,221	2,499	5,249	3,871	3,711	5,347	125,641	158,328

APPENDIX No. 8

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1903

RECEIPTS

From the City	$30,000 00
State Regents	100 00
	$30,100 00

EXPENDITURES

For Books	8,265 63	
Serials	1,126 75	
Binding	1,252 94	
Repairs	157 16	
Supplies	3,758 86	
Incidentals	3,659 91	
Wages	11,878 75	
		$30,100 00

APPENDIX NO. 9

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1903

RECEIPTS

From Last Year	$ 11
Fines	290 27
Subscriptions	16 00
Books lost or sold	6 36
Sundries	20 75
	$333 49

DISBURSEMENTS

For Books	$21 14	
Postage	40 00	
Express	107 36	
Supplies	158 69	
In hand	6 30	
		$333 49





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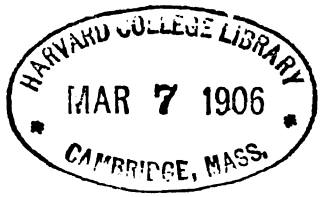
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ayor — Superintendent of Schools

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UTLER	" "	1906
ITH	" "	1907
cLENNAN	" "	1908
NS	" "	1909

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The reading rooms receive regularly 344 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own state government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1905

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:—Herewith is submitted the report of the Syracuse Public Library for the year ending June 30, 1905.

The past year has been the most eventful one in the history of the Public Library and both the Trustees and the Public are to be heartily congratulated. The new building which is the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie has been finished and furnished, and on March 23d it was opened to the public. There was a large concourse of people in attendance at the opening. The mayor of the city and the chancellor of the University were present and each made an address. Doctor Held with Professor Ward and a group of singers gave Doctor Held's new national hymn. The entire building was open to visitors and thousands of people went through it during the afternoon and evening.

The discomforts and inconveniences of the last four years, with the library divided and the rooms crowded and a large portion of the books entirely inaccessible, have prepared the people for a thorough enjoyment of the new building. The opportunities for the accommodation of books and the ample and convenient reading rooms are in delightful contrast with the inadequate places from which we have come.

The new building has required four years for its erection. The expense of it was borne by Mr. Carnegie. The city provided the land and the furniture for the building, and is under an agreement with Mr. Carnegie to appropriate not less than thirty thousand dollars annually to the support of the building and library.

Mr. Carnegie has been munificent in his gift, and it places on

our city a duty which we cannot honorably fail to meet. So fine a building demands corresponding excellence in its management and in the privileges for reading which it brings to our people. And that result can be reached only by an increase in the income of the Library. The growing activity of our city, its commercial and industrial enterprise, its importance as an educational center consequent upon the rapid organization and enlargement of the university, and its ease of access from a large area of encircling territory make the demands upon our public library very great. The furnishing of information to all classes and especially to the young is a constant influence to incite intellectual enterprise and to increase high thinking, honorable feeling and good living. As the years go by it will be found that no money does more for the prosperity and noble character of our people than the money which we put into good books.

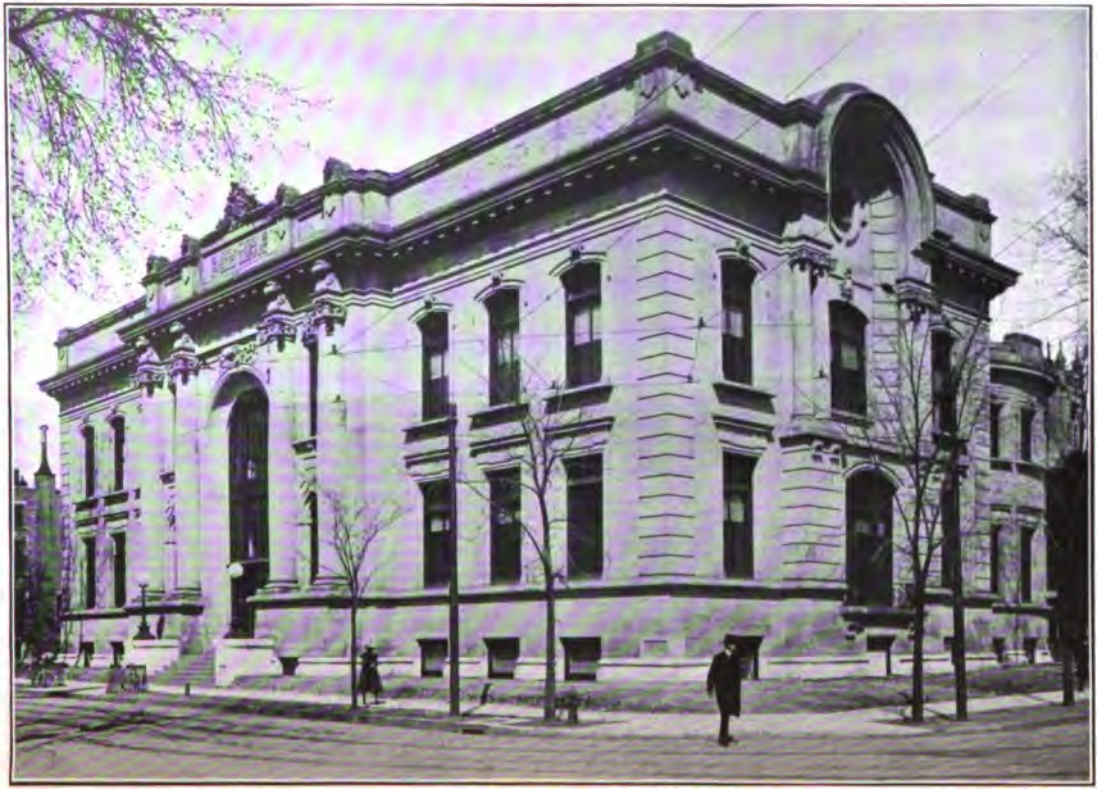
A good public library is an expensive institution. But it is not so expensive as ignorance and poverty and crime. And it is a constant and powerful influence *against* ignorance and poverty and crime. Money put into good books for our children, our laborers, our mechanics, our people at large is a paying investment. Good reading continues the influences of the schools, and is for the man and the woman what the school is to the child. It enables them to complete an education well begun in the school. Without it, however good our private libraries may be, the great mass of our citizens are deprived of the means of instruction and information which fit them for the best conduct of life.

The Carnegie Building is completed and devoted to library work. We are under agreement with the generous giver of it to keep it open and in order. It will cost us little more to care for two hundred thousand books than for twenty thousand. Every dollar we appropriate to it above the expense of care goes for a book. We have an adequate building put here at an expense of nearly $350,000. A few thousand dollars a year more or less will determine whether the library shall be a feeble, starved collection of books, devoted merely to stories and amusement,

or a collection of works of the highest authority on all the subjects which will interest and instruct and cheer our growing children and our crowds of working men and women. A book that makes its reader wiser and better is a blessing, not only to the reader, but to the community in which the reader lives. To accomplish the best results we shall have need to put into our library not only the amount which we have pledged to Mr. Carnegie but more. The expense of caring for the new building will be nearly three times the expense of the old building. And unless the income is increased we cannot add as many books as before. And we shall thus make the new building a means to a poorer library rather than to a better one. Mr. Carnegie has secured by the conditions of his gift enough income to care for the building, and to buy some popular books, but if there is to be an adequate library in Syracuse the city must add to this.

The necessity for an increase in our income this year is emphasized by the fact that for a long time but few books have been bought. During the two years ending December 31, 1905, the amount of money spent for books has been for 1904, $3,281 and for 1905, $3,226. In 1903 we paid $8,265 for books, in 1902 we paid $9,115, and in 1901 we paid $9,371. We have thus in the last two years put $6,507 into books but in the two preceding years we put $17,380 into books which is nearly three times as much. The result is that for the year closing June 30, 1905, we have put into circulation 137,742 books whereas the year before we put into circulation 158,323. The library was closed for one month during 1905, but for the eleven months this year is below last year, and we are still decreasing. The attraction of the new building does not overcome it. The explanation is that in two years we have put in $5,000 a year less of books than before.

There is no way to make a public library useful except by putting books into it. Our shelves look starved and bare. The books are old and soiled. The Librarian makes this appeal to the Trustees and to the Mayor and city government to meet the needs of our people, otherwise the new building will be a failure.



CARNEGIE BUILDING · SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Syracuse Public Library

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1905

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of fiction and all the books on biography are set up. These are the two classes of books which are most used by the public and they are placed so as to be convenient of access. This book stack will accommodate over 14,000 volumes.

Beyond this is the main book stack which consists of three stories and will hold over 95,000 volumes. The first story of this stack is now used for our miscellaneous books belonging to the circulation and the two stories above are occupied by public documents and duplicates.

On the left hand as the door to the circulating department is entered is the children's department. Here there is shelving for 6,000 volumes. In this room there are tables and seats for reading with ample light, decorations of photographs, statuary, bulletin boards and other attractions for young persons. There is also a story room where classes or small groups of young people may go for study or reading or story telling or for class exercises with a teacher.

At the right hand as the visitor enters from the lobby is the main reading room of the library, a large room with abundance of light. To this room come regularly two hundred magazines and newspapers. Some good photographs are hung upon the walls. The furniture is from the Craftsman shops in this city. In this room are also directories of the various large cities in this country.

Ascending from the lobby of the building by a marble staircase the second story is reached. After passing through the hall and going up half a dozen marble steps the visitor is at the door of the main reference room. In this room are placed the bound magazines, cyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, books on art, technical books which are too bulky or too expensive for general circulation, fine books, rare books, etc. These book stacks will accommodate 30,000 volumes. The stacks are placed with ample spaces between them so as to make consultation of the books easy. And the Trustees' room which adjoins this stack room is used for an additional reading room.

On the left of the hall in the second story before ascending the steps to the main reference room is the room set apart for

Local History, Family History, Heraldry, Genealogy, Church Registers, etc. This room has shelving for 15,000 volumes.

On the same floor at the right of the approach to the main reference room is a spacious room with abundance of light. This room is not yet occupied.

In the third story are three large rooms. one of which is used as an assembly room, another for the Barrow pictures and a third which is not yet occupied.

In the half story between the first and second floors is a small room, comfortably furnished and containing lockers. This is used as a rest room for the young women of the staff.

In the basement is the room for the men employed in the building with a locker for each man. There is also a large room fitted with stacks for the bound newspapers and a reading room adjoining. There is a room for a workshop, a janitor's room, a room for use in receiving and arranging libraries for the stations, the workshops, the schools, the engine houses and other places to which books are regularly sent. There are also large storerooms and the heating plant in the basement story.

The total capacity of shelving books is above 160,000 volumes and for newspapers nearly 500 volumes. In addition to this extent of shelving there is yet unoccupied space for 40,000 volumes, giving a total capacity of over 200,000 volumes.

At the left inside the entrance doors to the building is a coat room which is open at times when an unusual number of people is in the building. There is in the building a book lift and an elevator which is in use on extra occasions, both of which run from the basement to the topmost story.

The building stands very near the center of the city, at five minutes' walk from the post-office. On one of the corners opposite stands the new Court House for Onondaga County, on another corner the beautiful Cathedral of the Diocese of Syracuse. Just across the way on Montgomery Street the new Y. M. C. A. building is to be erected, and a little beyond on Montgomery Street is the new telephone building and the building belonging to The Onondaga Historical Society. These

buildings make the neighborhood of the library one of the most interesting localities in the city. And the buildings are such that it will become more important as the city grows.

The circulation and the use of the periodical room have been seriously interfered with by the moving of the library into the new building. The library work was entirely stopped for nearly a month during the busiest season of the year. As it was the third time during the present administration that the books have been moved it was accomplished with comparatively little confusion.

The Carnegie building has a fine location, is easy of access, has very great conveniences in every way, and needs only an adequate supply of books to make it a great attraction and a great benefit to the people of our goodly city.

Following are the reports from various departments of the library, and tables showing the statistics of the work of the year.

The members of the staff and all the employees of the library have adapted themselves to the new situation with evident pleasure and seem to be sincere in the endeavor to serve the public.

The statistics of the books and the circulation in this report are brought to June 30, 1905, and the financial statement is brought to December 31, 1905.

The statistics are exhibited in tables at the close of the report.

There are also special reports from the department of adult circulation, the children's department and the collection of local and family history.

Respectfully submitted

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

December 31 1905 Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION

The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending June 30, 1905.

The circulating department of the library has been open 285 days. From June 1, 1904 to March 1, 1905 it was in the building formerly known as the Standard Club House. Since March 24, it is in the new Carnegie building on Montgomery Street, corner of Jefferson Street. During nine months it was open 12 hours daily and from July 1 to September 1 it was open 9 hours daily except on Saturday when it was always kept open 12 hours.

The number of books given out was 137,742 volumes, a daily average of 483 volumes. This is a decrease since last year of 12 per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 2,930 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 12,522 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1,150 volumes on March 24, the opening day in the new building. The largest monthly circulation was 13,653 volumes in November 1904. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 2,240.

READING ROOMS

The Newspaper and Magazine Reading Room is in the south room of the main floor. It has 37 daily newspapers 62 weekly papers, most of them in the English language with two in German and one in French and one in Italian and 165 monthly and quarterly magazines.

The Juvenile Reading Room is on the north side of the main floor in the same room with the Juvenile circulating department. On the Reference shelves are 798 volumes to which all readers have free access. There are 10 periodicals received regularly at this room.

The Reference Library is on the second floor of the new building. There are 9 magazines taken in the room.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and

is doing good service for that neighborhood. The same may be said of the Elmwood Station which is in charge of Miss Ethel Widdrington.

The North Side branch library is in the Odd Fellows' Hall at the corner of Ash and Townsend streets, and is in charge of Miss Mary Schaefer. It was opened October 19, 1903, and in the past year has circulated 11,170 volumes including 2,016 German books and 2,309 Juvenile books. There is a reading room with the leading magazines.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Home, to clubs, to schools that asked for them, to the Reading Rooms of the Rapid Transit Company and to some of the working rooms in the University. While the circulation of these books in these ways makes no show in the statistics of circulation, many people are thereby able to get the reading of books to whose attention they would not otherwise be brought. The statistics of the circulation at Elmwood and the West End are included in our regular statistics.

The library now contains 66,928 volumes. Gifts have been received to the number of 140 volumes The binding of periodicals has been 268 volumes, and 1,810 have been bought making in all 2,218 volumes added during the year.

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON
In charge.

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY

To the Librarian:

With the removal of the library to its new quarters, it became necessary to put the collection of local and family history which is classed separately from the main body of the reference books in the North room of the second floor of the library. It is now arranged on the shelves with abundance of light and space for the convenience and pleasure of those working in this room and they constantly testify to their appreciation of its privileges and the value of the collection.

There have been added to this department during the last year 136 volumes of genealogy and 229 volumes of local history and 291 pamphlets. Of the latter but 50 have been catalogued.

The last inventory shows that there are 8,448 volumes on the shelves of the local history room, divided as to class as follows: Genealogy 2,972 vols., Local History 5,476 vols. This includes the pamphlets catalogued and in cases on the shelves.

There remains a large number of unbound volumes, pamphlets, maps and pictures relating to things of genealogical or local interest which it is hoped the coming year will afford time to arrange and classify. The shelves of the store room have been searched for missing numbers of continuations, etc. to which the crowded condition of our temporary quarters have consigned them for the time being.

During the year a typewritten list of the duplicate pamphlets in this library was sent to some of the principal libraries having genealogical collections for exchange, with the result that the library was able to complete its set of Memorial Biographies issued by the New England historic genealogical society. Now that the books are housed under one roof it is hoped that a complete list of the library's books for sale or exchange can be made known to other libraries having wants which may be supplied from this source. We have in some cases duplicate numbers of magazines and reports and proceedings of societies, in which other numbers are lacking.

In particular it is desirable to obtain the earlier reports of all the local societies; the reports of the Board of Supervisors of Onondaga County previous to 1850, and the earlier reports of the Syracuse schools, hospitals and organizations of all kinds.

This department is especially desirous of obtaining reports of meetings, etc. in the city of Syracuse and vicinity; it aims to be a depository of the local history of the city and county; a place where one can look for the records of transactions which have occurred in past time, and which would not be preserved by private individuals, and should be on the shelves of the public library of the city. We wish to enlist the sympathy

and co-operation of the people in sending to the library files of old newspapers, year books and manuals of clubs and societies, diaries and manuscript history of families which have not been published, which will be carefully preserved and aid the research of others working along the same field.

A series of scrap-books designed to record the local history of the city has been begun and two are nearly completed. These are intended to preserve the newspaper and periodical clippings, circulars, programs, etc. of such events as church dedications, historical facts and events commemorated in the town, biographies of prominent Syracusans appearing in the newspapers, etc. It is believed that such a record in compact and convenient form will be of great use to the future historian of our city.

The number of visitors to this collection continues to grow. The students of Syracuse University make increasing use of the books particularly the early Provincial and Town records of the states, in which this department is rich, and the seekers after admission into the various patriotic societies find the Revolutionary rolls which are being added of great use in identifying ancestral soldiers.

Some additions of the year of interest to the genealogist have been the abstracts of wills of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, published by the N. E. historic genealogical society, and also by the British Record society; the Vital Records of various Massachusetts towns; the Early Connecticut Probate Records; the late volumes in the sets of the Boston Record commissioner's report; Connecticut Historical Society publications; New Jersey archives; Rhode Island Vital records; and Virginia county records, containing valuable genealogical data; the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary war, etc.; the Victorian history of the counties of England, and the current volumes of the various English parish register societies.

The alcove containing family history of which there are 1,219 bound volumes has increased by the addition of nearly every genealogy of importance issued within the past three years, and is accorded the kindest praise by experienced work-

ers familiar with the collections of the large libraries of New York and the New England states.

The system of free access to the shelves is given the highest approval. It is hoped in the future to increase its usefulness in various ways.

MINNIE L. KELLOGG
In charge.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Children's Room has been open 285 days during the year. During that time 32,560 books have been circulated. The largest daily circulation was on March 24, 1905, when 315 books were given out. The smallest daily circulation was on February 13, the celebration of Lincoln's birthday, when 46 books were given out. The largest monthly circulation was in November 1904 when 3,439 books were given out and the smallest monthly circulation was in March 1905 when 1,125 books were given out, the library having been closed from March 1-23, on account of moving into the new building. We have now a large well lighted room for the children with convenient tables and chairs and 800 books which are for reference, also a number of magazines, papers and picture books.

There are over 3,000 volumes in the circulating department of which 2,000 are fiction and 1,000 are miscellaneous.

There is a small room adjoining which we intend to use for a story room and study room. Several fine prints of famous paintings have been furnished to us, the finest being a copy of Braun's largest photograph of the Sistine Madonna (3'x5,) which hangs over the fire place. Among the others are Greuze's Broken Pitcher and Madam Le Brun's Mother and Child.

A list of the fiction books has been made and printed. We are now making a list of the miscellaneous books. The children seem to appreciate and to enjoy their new room and we look for a larger attendance than we have had heretofore.

For chart of the circulation see Appendix.

EMILY K. MUNDY
In Charge.

APPENDIX NO. 1

PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE READING ROOM

List of Abbreviations: (d) daily (m) monthly (q) quarterly (w) weekly

Albany Evening Journal (d)
Amateur Work (m)
American Anthropologist (q)
American Antiquarian (q)
American Catholic Quarterly Review (q)
American Historical Review (q)
American Journal of Archaeology (q)
American Journal of Psychology (q)
American Journal of Science (m)
American Journal of Sociology (q)
American Machinist (w)
American Monthly
American Museum Journal (q)
American Naturalist (m)
American Statistical Association (q)
Annals of the American Acadmey (q)
Annals of Botany (q)
Architectural Record (m)
Arena (m)
Army and Navy Journal (w)
Asiatic Quarterly Review (q)
Association Review (q)
Athenaeum (w)
Atlantic (m)
Auk (q)
Badminton Magasine (m)
Biblia (m)
Biblical World (m)
Bibliotheca Sacra (q)
Biological Bulletin (m)
Blackwood's Magasine (m)
Board of Trade (m)
Book Buyer (m)
Book Notes (fortnightly)
Bookman (m)
Bookseller British and Foreign (m)
Boston Evening Transcript (d)
Botanical Gazette (m)
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial (d)
Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics (m)
Bulletin of Bureau of Labor (q)
Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club (m)
Cassier's Magasine (m)
Catholic Sun (w)
Century Magasine (m)
Champlain Educator (q)
Charities (w)
Chautauquan (m)
Chicago Tribune (d)
Christian Science Journal (m)
Christian Science Sentinel (w)
Cincinnati Inquirer (d)
Citizen's Industrial Exponent (m)
Cleveland Leader (d)
Collector (m)
Collier's Weekly
Colorado Graphic (w)
Columbia University Quarterly
Congressional Record (w)
Consular Reports (m)
Contemporary Review (m)
Cook's Excursionist (m)
Cosmopolitan (m)
Country Life in America (m)
Craftsman (m)
Critic (m)
Cumulative Book Review Digest (m)
Cumulative Index Books (m)
Current Literature (m)
Detroit Free Press (d)

Dial (bi-monthly)
Edinburgh Review (q)
Editor (m)
Education (m)
Educational Review (m)
Electrical World (w)
Engineering Magazine (m)
Engineering News (w)
Engineering and Mining Journal (w)
English Historical Review (q)
English Mechanic (w)
Everybody's Magazine (m)
Farm Journal (m)
Fern Bulletin (q)
Fliegende Blatter (w)
Floral Life (m)
Forest and Stream (w)
Forestry and Irrigation (m)
Fortnightly (m)
Forum (q)
Garden Magazine (m)
Good Government (m)
Good Housekeeping (m).
Gospel Messenger (w)
Harper's Weekly
Harper's Bazar (m)
Harper's Magazine (m)
Harvard Graduate's Magazine (q)
Helper (w)
Herald of the Cross (m)
Hibbert Journal (q)
House Beautiful (m)
L'Illustration (w)
Illustrated London News (w)
L'Illustrazione Italiana (w)
Illustrirte Zeitung (w)
Independent (w)
Indians' Friend (m)
International Journal of Ethics (q)
International Quarterly
Johns Hopkins University Circular (q)
Journal of American Folklore (q)
Journal of Chemical Industry (bi-m)
Journal of the Franklin Institute (m)
Journal of Geology (m)
Journal of Pedagogy (m)
Journal of Political Economy (q)
Journal of Royal Statistical Society (q)
Journal of United States Cavalry Association (q)
Keith's Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Review (m)
Ladies' Home Journal
Leslie's Weekly
Library Index to Periodicals (m)
Library Index Periodicals (q)
Library Journal (m)
Life (w)
Literary Digest (w)
Living Age (w)
London Times (w)
Louisiana Planter (w)
Lutheran (w)
Lyceumite (m)
Mc Clure's Magazine (m)
Magazine of History (m)
Mind (m).
Missionary Review (m)
Missionary Tidings (m)
Model Engineer (w)
Modern Housekeeping (m)
Modern Philology (q)
Monist (q)
Municipal Engineering (m)
Municipal Journal (m)
Munsey (m)
Musical Courier (w)
Nation (w)
National Bulletin of Charities and Correction (q)
National Builder (m)
National Geographic Magazine (m)
National Magazine (m)
New Century Path (w)
New England Magazine (m)
New Orleans Semi-weekly Times Democrat
New Voice (w)
New York Evening Mail (d)

New York Evening Mail Supplement (w)
New York Evening Post (d)
New York Herald (d)
New York Suffrage (m)
New York Sun (d)
New York Times (d)
New York Times Supplement (w)
New York Tribune (d)
New York Tribune Review (w)
New York Weekly People
Nineteenth Century (m)
North American Review (m)
Northern Christian Advocate (w)
Notes and Queries (w)
Notes and Queries (m)
Numismatist (m)
Official Gazette (w)
Offictil Gazette (Manila) (w)
Omaha Daily Bee
Out West (m)
Outing (m)
Outlook (w)
Overland Monthly (m)
Pacific Monthly (m)
Palestine Exploration Fund (q)
Patent Office Reports (w)
Philadelphia Press (d)
Philosophical Review (bi-monthly)
Photo-Miniature (m)
Photographic Times (m)
Physical Review (m)
Pittsburg Dispatch (d)
Poet-Lore (q)
Political Science Quarterly (q)
Popular Science Monthly (m)
Power (m)
Psychological Bulletin (m)
Psychological Review (q)
Public (w)
Public Libraries (m)
Public Opinion (w)
Publisher's Weekly
Punch (w)
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Rann's Horn (w)
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (m)
Records of the Past (m)
Recreation (m)
Review of Reviews (m)
Revue des Deux Mondes (m)
Richmond Times-Dispatch (d)
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (d)
Rochester Post-Express (d)
Rocky Mountain News (d)
St. Louis Globe-Democrat (d)
Saturday Evening Post (w)
School (w)
School Review (m)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Scribner's Magasine (m)
Seattle Weekly Times
Southern Farm Gazette (w)
Southern Workman (m)
Spectator (w)
Spirit of Missions (m)
Springfield Republican (d)
Sunflower (w)
Syracuse Chamber of Commerce (m)
Syracuse Daily Orange
Syracuse Evening Herald (d)
Syracuse Evening Journal (d)
Syracuse Evening Telegram (d)
Syracuse Post Standard (d)
Syracuse Union (d)
Syracuse University Weekly
Toronto Globe (d)
Universalist Leader (w)
Utica Observer (d)
Washington Post (d)
Weekly People
Woman's Journal (w)
World To-day (m)
World's Work (m)
Writer (m)
Yale Review (q)

APPENDIX NO. 2

SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

List of abbreviations: (m) monthly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (q) quarterly; (y) yearly; (o) occasional; (w) weekly; (d) daily.

Amer. Catholic hist. soc. (q)
Ancestor, the (q)
Bostonian society, coll. (o)
Buffalo hist. soc. (o)
California hist-genealogical soc. (o)
Canadian archives (o)
Cayuga hist. soc. (o)
Chicago hist. soc. (y)
Concord antiq. soc. (o)
Connecticut hist. soc. (o)
Cornwall parish register soc. (o)
Dedham hist. register (q)
Essex antiquarian (q)
Essex inst. hist. coll. (o)
Genealogical bulletin (o)
Genealogical magazine (Boston) (m)
Genealogical magazine (London) (m)
Genealogical society of Penn. (o)
Genealogical quarterly mag. (o)
Genealogical quarterly mag. (q)
Georgia hist. society (y)
Gloucestershire parish register soc. (o)
Hampshire parish register soc. (o)
Harleian society registers (o)
Hist. and philosophical soc. of Ohio (y)
Historical bulletin (m)
Huguenot society of America (o)
Lower Norfolk co. Va. antiquary (o)
London parish reg. society (o)
Lundy's Lane hist. society (o)
Maine hist. society (o)
Mayflower descendant (q)
Medford hist. register (q)
Newburgh Bay and the Highlands hist. society (o)
New Eng. hist. and geneal. register (q)
New Eng. soc. of Brooklyn (o)
New Eng. soc. in the city of N. Y. (o)
New Hampshire genealogical record (q)
New Haven Colony hist. society (y)
New York genealogical and biographical record (q)
New York hist. society (o)
Norfolk parish register soc. (o)
Nottingham parish register soc. (o)
Old Colony hist. soc. (o)
Oneida hist. soc. (o)
Onondaga co. hist. soc. (o)
Old Northwest geneal. quarterly (q)
Pennsylvania-German society (o)
Pennsylvania magazine (q)
Phillimore parish register soc. (o)
Rochester hist. society (o)
Scottish record society (o)
Shropshire parish register soc. (o)
Somerset parish register soc. (o)
Southern history assoc. pub. (bi-m)
So. Carolina hist. and geneal. mag. (q)
Spirit of '76 (m)
State hist. soc. of Wisconsin (o)
Surtees society (o)
Thoresby society pub. (o)
Vermont antiquarian (q)
Vineland hist. and antiq. soc. (y)
Virginia magazine (q)
West Va. university pub. (o)
Wm. and Mary college quarterly (q)
Worcestershire parish register soc. (o)
Yearbook of probates (q)
Yorkshire parish reg. soc. (o)

APPENDIX No. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

Junior Republic Citizen (m)
Outing (m)
Saint Nicholas (m)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Searchlight (w)
Success (w)
Syracuse Messenger (m)
Wellspring (w)
Youth's Companion (w)

APPENDIX No. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE REFERENCE ROOM

Architectural Review (m)
Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey Bulletins
Keramic Studio (m)
Masters in Art (m)
Masters in Music (m)
Outlook (m)
Patent Office Reports (w)
Portfolio
Studio (m)
University of California Bulletins (q)

APPENDIX No. 5

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

John Jacob Astor	1
Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton	1
Boston Young Men's Christian Union	1
Catholic Sun	1
Collier and Son	6
R. W. DeForest and L. Veiller	2
The Rev. Wm. R. Eastman	3
First Methodist Episcopal Church	1
Charles L. Gage	1
E. S. Gaylord	2
Sidney Gifford	4
F. W. Hammond	1
The Hon. Carter H. Harrison	1
The Hon. Francis Hendricks	2
H. J. Howe	1
H. B. Kummel	1
Lindmer	3
Missouri Commission to the Louisiana Exposition	1
Mrs. C. F. Palmer	1
Paul M. Paine	4
Phillips Exeter Academy	1
Henry Phipps	5
Sampson & Murdock Co.	29
R. W. Smythe	1
State of Kansas Dept. of Agriculture	1
State of Massachusetts	1
State of Michigan Bureau of Labor	1
State of New York	5
Syracuse Herald	3
United States Government	38
United States	5
University of Chicago	10
Unknown	2
Total	140

APPENDIX No. 6

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-01	1901-02	1902-03	1903-04	1904-05
July ..	4,429	6,723	9,346	9,265	11,310	12,450	Closed	10,923	10,666	10,423
Aug ..	4,827	6,650	9,398	9,310	11,189	11,847	8,292	11,398	11,207	10,468
Sept...	5,435	7,801	10,444	9,597	11,909	12,823	8,719	11,465	11,100	10,562
Oct....	7,092	10,046	12,348	12,178	14,115	15,948	12,254	13,110	13,898	12,852
Nov...	8,445	10,806	13,974	13,573	15,463	16,140	13,658	13,111	14,084	13,658
Dec ...	8,700	11,354	13,943	12,732	14,720	15,842	13,212	13,268	14,282	12,707
Jan ...	10,113	12,447	14,297	13,057	16,036	16,684	14,513	14,475	14,729	12,807
Feb ...	9,539	11,560	13,581	13,201	14,808	16,601	13,822	13,982	14,987	12,278
Mch ..	10,686	12,761	14,307	15,478	17,184	18,749	15,407	15,046	16,472	4,217
April.	8,532	10,827	13,088	12,990	14,038	16,031	13,702	13,166	14,239	13,547
May...	7,203	10,475	10,691	12,199	13,983	14,497	13,213	11,470	11,548	12,979
June .	6,796	10,621	9,896	11,422	13,197	6,356	11,198	11,542	11,161	11,249
	91,793	121,571	145,313	145,492	167,902	178,468	132,990	152,956	158,323	137,742

In 1901–02 the library was closed from July 1 to August 19.
In 1905 the library was closed from March 1 to 23.

APPENDIX No. 7

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896–1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897–1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,681	145,313
1898–1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899–1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,397	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,188	3,000	5,413	138,680	167,902
1900–1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,333	5,633	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901–1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,038	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,298	106,292	132,990
1902–1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,532	5,308	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956
1903–1904	144	1,845	1,453	3,042	183	3,117	2,221	2,499	5,249	3,871	3,711	5,347	125,641	158,323
1904–1905	95	1,736	1,283	2,685	167	2,946	2,321	2,530	4,897	3,696	3,501	4,499	107,436	137,742

APPENDIX No. 8

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1904

RECEIPTS

City appropriation, regular		$30,000 00
" " special		25,000 00
Regents' appropriation		100 00
		$55,100 00

EXPENDITURES

For Books		$ 3,281 28	
Serials		335 22	
Binding		838 82	
Repairs		97 80	
Supplies		5,418 54	
Incidentals		4,308 27	
Wages		13,050 00	
Furnishing	$ 2,770 07		
"	15,681 04	18,451 11	
In hand		9,318 96	
			$55,100 00

APPENDIX No. 9

REPORT OF FINES ETC.

AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR 1904

RECEIPTS

In hand Jan. 1		$ 6 30
For Fines		318 46
For Subscriptions		16 00
For Books lost or injured		1 60
		$342 36

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 2 70	
For Postage	35 39	
For Express	54 75	
For Supplies	236 59	
In hand	12 93	
		$342 36

APPENDIX No. 10

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1905

RECEIPTS

From 1904	$ 9,318 96
Regents' appropriation	200 00
City appropriation	30,081 72
Academy of Medicine	177 50
	$39,778 18

EXPENDITURES

For Books		$ 3,226 38	
Serials		1,013 71	
Binding		916 15	
Repairs		222 22	
Supplies		6,456 10	
Incidentals		3,753 83	
Wages		12,479 67	
Furnishing	9,318 96		
"	2,391 16		
		11,710 12	
			$39,778 18

APPENDIX No. 11

REPORT OF FINES ETC. FOR 1905

GENERAL CIRCULATION

RECEIPTS

In hand Jan. 1, 1905		$ 12 93
Fines		200 96
Subscriptions to Library (11)		13 00
Books lost or injured		9 00
		$ 235 89

EXPENDITURES

Express	$ 46 30	
Postage	37 44	
Car fare	11 85	
Supplies	140 22	
In hand Dec. 31, 1905	08	
		$235 89

JUVENILE CIRCULATION

RECEIPTS

In hand Jan. 1, 1905		$ 10 18
Fines		55 17
		$ 65 35

EXPENDITURES

Furniture	$ 23 08	
Flowers	18 24	
Supplies	3 69	
In hand Dec. 31, 1905	20 36	
		$ 65 35

Total receipts—Fines, Subscriptions, etc. for 1905	$ 301 24
Total expenditures	280 80
In hand Dec. 31, 1905	20 44

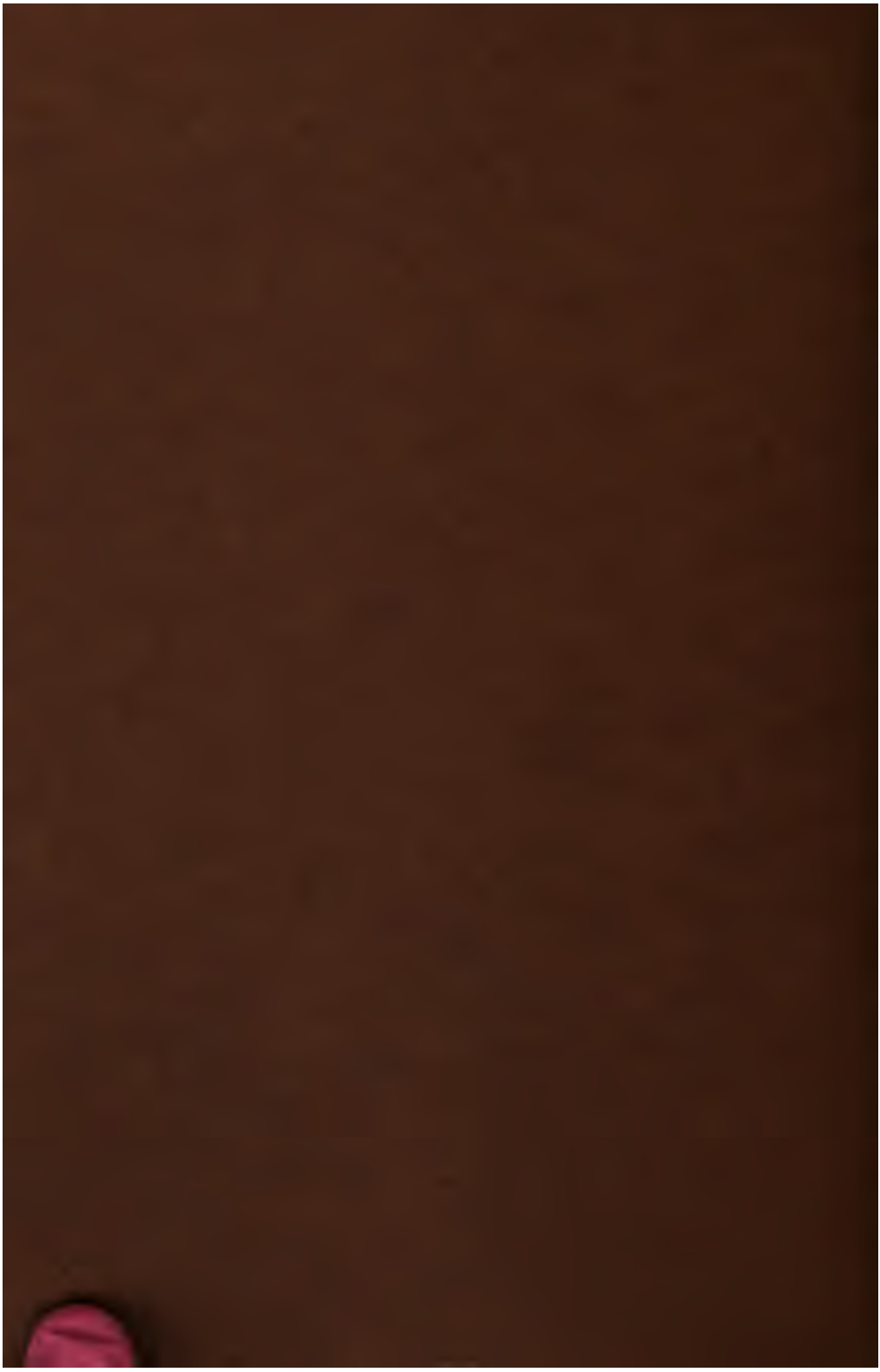
APPENDIX No. 12

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 4,671.92
1871	306	129	39,694	664	10,592	
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	3,778.41
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,634.75
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	4,086.36
1875	301	138	41,628	491	13,791	3,162.75
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,240.50
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,566.30
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,308.95
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	1,773.05
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,428	2,079.77
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,658.51
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,608	2,788.32
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	3,126.87
1884	307	114	34,926	1,998	15,899	4,000.16
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	3,100.71
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,107.09
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,058.31
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	5,487.16
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,298.65
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	3,500.00
1891	306	145	44,288	1,074	22,274	3,850.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,700.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	4,948.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	15,077.48
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,998	27,253	11,724.89
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,229.75
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	15,738.98
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	25,363.50
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	23,818.45
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	25,911.19
1901	293	592	173,468	5,227	52,855	30,976.24
*1902	262	507	132,990	5,389	56,910	31,368.78
1903	305	501	152,956	5,150	61,097	30,100.00
1904	305	520	158,328	3,618	64,710	45,781.63
*1905	285	488	137,742	2,218	66,928	39,778.18

* The Library was not open for the full year.

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USE OF LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., and on other days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m., and on Saturdays until 9 p. m. On Sundays from September 15th to June 15th the reading rooms are open from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m.

Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 342 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own State government, with many publications of other States.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1906

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS—Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1906.

By referring to the table of statistics of the circulation you will see that the number of books given out has steadily increased during the last five years. There has been a still greater increase in the use of the books in the general reference department, and in the department of local history and genealogy, of which no account is kept. The common reading room, which contains the newspapers and magazines, has become a very attractive place to the public. It receives about 200 periodicals from various parts of this country and England, with some French, German and Italian serials.

During the year which has passed there have been more books added to the library than have been added in any year since 1903. During the year to come you will be able, by economy in other directions, to increase the outlay for books probably fifty per cent. beyond the year which has just closed. While this will not entirely remedy the deficiency consequent upon the meagre supply of the last four years, it may be so adjusted as to greatly help those parts of the library which are most used.

The fiction is much more called for than any other class of books, and the result of our lack of funds has been very serious in its effects upon the circulation of this department. It may be to some friends of the library a matter of regret that so much of our money must be put into fiction, most of which is of temporary use. But when it is remembered that fiction is not merely a formal record of life, but that it is also a dramatic

presentation of living, it is easy to understand its appeal to readers. And it should also be remembered that in the present form of fiction there is not only discussion of all the problems of living, but there is also a discussion of all forms of ethics, of politics, of philosophy and of religion. Beyond this it may be said that many people read for entertainment and for diversion of thought from care and work, and the book of well-written fiction catches them up and carries them along with interest and restfulness. And the reading of good fiction as an amusement is free from many of the dangers to health and morals which beset so many other forms of amusement. So that from many points of view the reading of fiction has a reasonable defense. Beyond all this, people who like fiction have the same rights in the library with those who like other books. And many people who have their books for work and study at their homes depend upon the library for their reading in fiction and biography and travel.

The use of books of science, travel, biography, literature and useful arts shows a steady gain. The public is growing to depend more and more upon the Public Library for help in obtaining information. The reference library, as you will see by the report of the head of that department, is increasing its service to readers.

The new building is rapidly becoming the *Home* of the library. The people who visit it are getting familiar with the place and with the improved conveniences which it offers. Gradually the little changes which were needed in the building and in the methods of work which it opens for people are becoming established, and visitors are feeling the benefits which the place affords. It gives ample opportunity for increase of books and of work, and with adequate support from the city government it will be a rapidly enlarging advantage.

The work of a public library is constant. It opens its doors to all from year to year and from decade to decade. It is the great permanent opportunity for amusement and instruction and incitement. It makes its call to people of every degree of edu-

cation and of every human taste. It illuminates every function of human life. It is the universal educator. Thomas Carlyle said in his weighty fashion: "The true university of men is a collection of books."

One of our benefactors, John D. Barrow Esq., of Skaneateles, has died since our last report. He passed into the other world December 7, 1906. He was specially interested in libraries. He had been a most faithful helper in the library at Skaneateles, building a hall for them and filling it with his pictures, and he gave to our library sixty of his paintings, most of which are of scenes in Onondaga County. He was a most generous and public spirited man, ready to help in all good things.

The library has received gifts from many persons. The most notable is a gift of a nearly complete set of "Our Young Folks" and "St. Nicholas" from Mr Theodore W. Clarke, and a set of Lardner's works in ten volumes from the Rev. C. J. Shrimpton of Athol, Mass.

The statistics of the year's work will be found in the tables which follow in the Appendix.

I take pleasure in commending the good work done by all the helpers in the library, and on behalf of the entire staff I thank the Trustees for their patience and generosity towards those in their employ.

Respectfully,

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY.
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION

To the Librarian:

The following is a report of the work for the year ending December 31, 1906.

The circulating department of the library has been open 304 days. The number of books given out was 160,222 volumes, a daily average of 527 volumes. This is an increase since last year of 16 per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 3,081 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 13,352 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 898 volumes, on March 31. The largest monthly circulation was 16,510 volumes, in November. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 1,949.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and is doing good service for that neighborhood. The same may be said of the Elmwood Station, which is in charge of Miss Ethel Widdrington.

The North Side Branch Library is in the Odd Fellows' Hall at the corner of Ash and Townsend streets and is in charge of Miss Marie Schaefer. In the past year it has circulated 10,798 volumes, including 1,709 German books and 2,804 Juvenile books. There is a reading room with the leading magazines.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Home, to clubs, to schools that asked for them, to the reading rooms of the Rapid Transit Company and to some of the working rooms in the University. While the circulation of these books in these ways makes no show in the statistics of circulation, many people are thereby able to get the reading of books to whose attention they would not otherwise be brought. The statistics of the circulation at Elmwood and the West End are included in our regular statistics.

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON,
In charge.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The classification, cataloging and shelf-listing of the new books mentioned in the statistical table of the report, represents but a small portion of the work of this department during the past year, while the work among government documents forms a very large part of it.

For lack of room in the library building, this very valuable but disagreeable class of literature had been stored for years in several different but all equally inaccessible places. When we moved into our new building the documents were placed on the shelves of the second and third floors of the stack. Tumbled in, would better express the condition. No two books of a set were together, and none of them had been dusted for years. There were few new books to deal with at this time, so to the catalogers was assigned the work of bringing order out of this chaos.

First the sheep set was sorted out and left on the third floor of the stack, which would have been the proper place for all of these books if the stairway which should have connected the reference room with the stack had not been left out of the architect's plans. Without this stairway access to this material must be had from the lower floor, so it seemed best to arrange the departmental reports and the New York State documents, the most useful portion of this collection, on the second floor, trusting to the library Providence to provide the stairway by the time this room should be needed for the expanding circulating collection.

From the departmental reports and Smithsonian publications 632 duplicates were weeded out and returned to Washington, leaving 3,854 departmental and Smithsonian reports and 908 New York State documents, together with one stack of pamphlets. This material has been classified and arranged so as to be accessible to the weary student perpetually athirst for primary sources of knowledge. A list of Smithsonian publications needed to complete our sets was sent to that institution and

received prompt and courteous attention. Our sets of Smithsonian publications are now complete except for three bulletins of the National Museum. We shall complete other sets as we can, especially should the New York state reports be made up as soon as possible.

Of this material 2,664 volumes have been shelf-listed and cataloged, exclusive of the agricultural reports, for which we have the cards from that department. The Library of Congress cards have been a great help in this work, as the cards for the Geological Survey monographs, the Labor reports, Industrial Commission and Consular reports, were all obtained from Washington.

A. L. A. cards for the Smithsonian reports have been received and filed, also two sets of A. L. A .cards for the Old South Leaflets.

A small collection of early printed books, in the possession of the library for years, was cataloged in the autumn of 1905, and a collection of maps the following spring.

Through the co-operation of the Public Library with the Medical College and the Academy of Medicine, the Medical College sent us its collection of public health reports, all its books on hygiene, public health and medical biography. These have been cataloged and most of them shelved with our other books on the same subjects. The health reports only are placed by themselves on a balcony facing the study room, where students have free access to them.

Many analyticals have been made for sets—notably those bringing out the muster rolls in the Pennsylvania archives and in the New York Historical Society collections.

The library has subscribed for the A. L. A. cards for many current society publications and the cards for back numbers will be made as we have opportunity.

In addition to their own work the catalogers have done 872 hours of work in the Reference and Circulating departments.

The new catalog cabinet, so placed in the partition between the Delivery room and the Catalog room as to be accessible to

both the public and the catalogers, is a great convenience, and our new work room with its fine north light and complete privacy is much appreciated after the confusion and turmoil of our temporary quarters.

There is need of a visible writing typewriter for our card work and a duplicating device for making the cards for the branch library.

CAROLINE M. DAGGETT,
Head Cataloger.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The report of the Reference department covers, with the exception of book statistics, the period of time since removing into our new quarters in March, 1905, as it is the first one made since that time.

Its collection of books—11,155 in number, of which 768 were added between June 30, 1905, and July 1, 1906,—is distributed not only upon the shelves of the large room on the second floor of the new Carnegie building, but also upon the two floors of the stack immediately below and in the large room in the basement of the building, for it is here that the bound volumes of Syracuse newspapers are kept in cases made for the purpose.

In the general Reference room are kept the encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, important bibliographical sets, proceedings of societies, scientific, literary and historical, the fine collection of art books, too large or too valuable for circulation; sets of standard authors in all departments of literature, with critical works thereupon; histories and biographies; bound volumes of Patent Office reports and the bound volumes of magazines, indispensable, by reason of the great range of subjects treated in them, to any well-ordered reference library.

In the stack below are stored the greater part of the pamphlets, the books for which comparatively little demand is made, and the government, state, and municipal publications.

It is in the main large room, with its abundance of daylight, space and tables for individual use, that the increasing efficiency of the department may be noted. The room is free to all visitors and no formalities are observed in the use of its contents except those necessary to maintain desirable quiet and decorum. Statistics serve little purpose in showing extent of work done, for the fact that the large proportion of the books are on open shelves precludes any accurate system of registering their use. Evidence, however, is plain that appreciation of the benefits of the department is daily growing. The room is used more and more by students of the University, High School and other schools, by members of the various women's clubs, by teachers, ministers, busy men and serious workers of all sorts.

It is desired to foster in every way a feeling that the library is an information bureau and a study room for the people of the city, especially for those who have no other convenient means of obtaining information. To this end many reading lists have been made covering great variety of subjects, newspaper clippings treating of matters of special interest have been arranged in compact form for the use of debating and other societies, many letters from out of town requesting light on various facts have been answered, instructors in the University and schools have been consulted as to desirable reference books in certain lines of study, and these have been reserved for convenient use when in our collection and, in many cases, purchased when lacking.

In October, 1905, Miss Carlotta Boone was appointed as assistant in the Reference and Local History departments, and has very satisfactorily filled a long felt want, for the time of one attendant is fully occupied with demands of readers, and the assistance afforded by the extra attendant has given opportunity to do some special pieces of work. Thus, the odd and duplicate numbers of magazines, heretofore piled indiscriminately on

shelves and floors of the store-room, have been alphabetically arranged and listed, and a list of lacking volumes of bound periodicals has been made, so that now, by exchange or purchase, we may, as opportunity offers, complete our sets. The work of indexing and filing in portfolios made for them the topographical atlas sheets of the U. S. Geological survey has been nearly finished—a work greatly appreciated by users of these valuable maps. The collection of college catalogues, alumni registers and class and college histories has been notably increased through correspondence with all American colleges of any prominence as well as some in Great Britain, so that now we have a very complete collection, not only interesting to present students, but valuable as a guide to future biographers and genealogists in search of any bit of personal information.

The usefulness of the department has been much increased by the work done during the year by members of the cataloging department in the way of arranging, classifying and cataloging the large number of government, state and municipal publications stored on the stack, with the result that now the student seeking information which these publications furnish finds his search not an almost hopeless task as formerly, but a comparatively easy matter. The work done is described in detail elsewhere, but two examples of the value of the new arrangement are the collection in their proper place of the early Journals of Congress, American state papers, statutes at large, etc., and the completion of the Smithsonian publications with their stores of valuable material.

The department, with all its advantages, has also its needs. Some additional helps in using the books that we have would increase their usefulness. We need more electric lights for evenings and dark days, a good system of ventilation, without which the best mental work cannot be done; a telephone connection with other rooms of the library which shall not be intermittent in its service; better accommodations for users of the Patent records, and a staircase to connect the main room with the stack below, now only reached by descending two long flights of stairs and then climbing other flights, all this involving too much expendi-

ture of time and strength. In the matter of books, there is need of recent works in applied science, now sadly lacking, some more good art and general periodicals, and volumes to complete sets of important continuations, neglected of late on account of scarcity of book funds, but indispensable if the aim of the library to quickly supply late and accurate information is to be in any measure accomplished.

The following is a partial list of the important additions of the year:

Blair & Robertson's Philippine Islands (continued)
Breasted's Ancient Records of Egypt
Cook & Wedderburn's Ruskin (continued)
Jewish Encyclopaedia (completed)
Journals of Lewis & Clark's Expedition
Murray's New English Dictionary (continued)
New Lippincott's Gazetteer
New Standard Dictionary
Partial collection of books indexed in Granger index
Records of 57th Congress
U. S. 12th Census reports as published
Victoria histories of counties of England (continued)
Wright's Dialect Dictionary (completed)

ADA WRIGHT,
In charge.

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY

To the Librarian:

Since December, 1905, the number of books added to the Local History department has been 223, of which 172 volumes were classed in local and 84 volumes in family history, with 23 pamphlets which were catalogued and placed upon the shelves. Of the serials and magazines taken, 35 volumes were bound and 9 volumes rebound and mended. This list of additions includes a number of city directories which have been given to the library and are in the Reading room for the greater convenience of the public. A number of valuable and interesting gifts have been made which are greatly appreciated. As our collection becomes known, and the facilities for housing and caring for books is realized it is hoped that persons having rare and scarce books of Americana may be induced to place them in our keeping, thus insuring their survival beyond the vicissitudes of the family attic.

The usefulness of the department has been greatly enhanced by the arranging of the collection of maps owned by the library which were formerly stored in inaccessible quarters. They are now placed in a small, well lighted room adjoining the Local History room with a spacious table and drawers to facilitate consultation, while the walls are used as far as practicable for the hanging maps. Among them are the valuable topographical maps issued by the U. S. Geological Survey, which are frequently used.

There has been mounted and framed Burr's early map of Onondaga county, published by W. P. Stone in 1836, the original of which is in Albany, also an early map of the city of Syracuse published by Leavenworth & Clarke in 1834, together with atlases having a local interest.

In this room are arranged the departmental publications of the city and county as far as the library contains files of them, the omissions and gaps in which it is hoped in time to fill. The desirability of having in a public and convenient place for consultation a complete account of the city's official acts has been

often suggested, and as the Public Library is a branch of the city's organization, it would seem a convenient place to look for a complete record of the various departments, and the library earnestly requests the citizens of Syracuse to assist in making this collection as complete as possible by placing our name upon their mailing list.

We have in some cases to ask or send repeatedly to get the current issue of some of the city's annuals which is supposed to be found on our shelves. Any one having the early reports of any of these departments would greatly aid us in sending them to the library. We also lack a few of the early reports of the Salt company. The fine collection of newspaper clippings given by Miss Jennie Chapin will prove a mine of genealogical lore in the future, comprising as it does many obituaries and biographies of early residents and noted Syracusans. It is to be wished that others might follow her example.

During the year there has been made an index to the magazines and serials belonging to this department. This is at present on shelf slips and filed alphabetically to correspond with the subject headings of the catalogue. It is intended to cover the periodicals added since 1900, but some sets have been completely indexed from the beginning. This gives a list of titles to genealogical and local history articles, muster rolls, lists of early emigrant passengers, etc., which it is hoped will give much help to the searcher, as the published indexes such as Munsell's and Griffin's are in arrears and do not carry the work down to date, and the vast amount of genealogical matter which has appeared in the magazines since 1900 can only be found by a long and arduous expenditure of time. There has also been made a complete list of our duplicates, with partial imprint, which it is hoped may be brought to the attention of other libraries for sale or exchange. The scrap-books of newspaper articles of interest relating to this locality have been continued.

Among recent genealogies added may be mentioned Allen, Barlow, Clarke, Draper, Dexter, Derby, Dotterer, Dunmore, Frazer, Greene, Greeley, Hillman, Hills, Hord, Kingsbury, Maris, Miles, Moulton, Nicoll, Parke, Pettingell, Post, Potts, Smith, Stauffer, Stillwell, Steevens, Whitney and Wood families, while the local history has been correspondingly increased.

MINNIE L. KELLOGG,
In charge.

APPENDIX NO. 1

PERIODICALS IN THE NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE READING ROOM

List of Abbreviations: (d) daily; (m) monthly; (q) quarterly; (w) weekly; (bi-m) bi-monthly

Albany Evening Journal (d)
Amateur Work (m)
American (bi-m)
American Anthropologist (q)
American Antiquarian (bi-m)
American Catholic Hist. Society Records (q)
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Church (semi-m)
American Historical Review (q)
American Journal of Archæology (q)
American Journal of Psychology (q)
American Journal of Science (m)
American Journal of Sociology (bi-m)
American Journal of Theology (q)
American Machinist (w)
American Monthly Magazine
American Museum Journal (q)
American Naturalist (m)
American Republics (m)
American Statistical Association (q)
Annals of the American Academy (q)
Annals of Botany (q)
Architectural Record (m)
Arena (m)
Army and Navy Journal (w)
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Association Review (q)
Athenaeum (w)
Atlantic (m)
Auk (q)
Badminton Magazine (m)
Biblical World (m)
Bibliotheca Sacra (q)
Biological Bulletin (m)
Bird Lore (bi-m)
Blackwood's Magazine (m)
Board of Trade Journal, Scranton (m)
Board of Trade Journal, Wilkesbarre (m)
Book Buyer (m)
Book Notes (semi-m)
Bookman (m)
Book Review Digest (m)
Bookseller British and Foreign (m)
Bookseller Chicago (m)
Boston Evening Transcript (d)
Botanical Gazette (m)
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial (d)
Cassier's Magazine (m)
Catholic Sun (w)
Century Magazine (m)
Champlain Educator (q)
Charities (w)
Chautauquan (m)
Chicago Tribune (d)
Christian and Missionary Alliance (w)
Christian Science Journal (m)
Christian Science Sentinel (w)
Cincinnati Inquirer (d)
Cleveland Leader (d)
Collector (m)
Collier's Weekly
Colorado Graphic (w)
Columbia University Quarterly

Congressional Record (d)
Contemporary Review (m)
Cook's American Traveller's Gazette (m)
Cosmopolitan (m)
Country Life in America (m)
Craftsman (m)
Critic (m)
Cumulative Book Index (m)
Current Literature (m)
Detroit Free Press (d)
Dial (bi-m)
Edinburgh Review (q)
Editor (m)
Education (m)
Educational Review (m)
Electrical World (w)
Engineering Magazine (m)
Engineering News (w)
Engineering and Mining Journal (w)
English Historical Review (q)
English Mechanic (w)
Everybody's Magazine (m)
Everyday Housekeeping (m)
Exponent (m)
Fern Bulletin (q)
Fliegende Blaetter (w)
Floral Life (m)
Forest and Stream (w)
Forestry and Irrigation (m)
Fortnightly (m)
Forum (q)
Garden Magazine (m)
Good Government (m)
Good Housekeeping (m)
Gospel Messenger (m)
Government Publications (m)
Harper's Weekly
Harper's Bazar (m)
Harper's Magazine (m)
Harvard Graduate's Magazine (q)
Helper (w)
Herald of the Cross (m)
Hibbert Journal (q)
House Beautiful (m)
L'Illustration (w)
Illustrated London News (w)
L'Illustrazione Italiana (w)
Illustrirte Zeitung (w)
Independent (w)
Indian's Friend (m)
International Journal of Ethics (q)
International Quarterly
Journal of American Folklore (q)
Journal of Chemical Industry (semi-m)
Journal of the Franklin Institute (m)
Journal of Geology (bi-m)
Journal of Pedagogy (q)
Journal of Political Economy (m)
Journal of Royal Statistical Society (q)
Keith's Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Review (m)
Ladies' Home Journal (m)
Leslie's Weekly
Library Index to Periodicals (m)
Library Journal (m)
Library Work (o)
Life (w)
Literary Digest (w)
Living Age (w)
London Times (w)
Louisiana Planter (w)
Lutheran (w)
Lutheran World (w)
Lyceumite (m)
McClure's Magazine (m)
Magazine of History (m)
Mind (m)
Missionary Review (m)
Missionary Tidings (m)
Model Engineer (w)
Monist (q)
Municipal Engineering (m)
Municipal Journal (w)
Munsey (m)

Musical Courier (w)
Nation (w)
National Builder (m)
National Geographic Magazine (m)
New Century Path (w)
New England Magazine (m)
New Orleans Semi-Weekly Times-Democrat
New York Evening Mail (d)
New York Evening Mail Supplement (w)
New York Evening Post (d)
New York Herald (d)
New York Suffrage (m)
New York Sun (d)
New York Times (d)
New York Times Supplement (w)
New York Tribune (d)
New York Tribune Review (w)
New York Tribune Sunday Magazine
Newark Evening News (w)
Nineteenth Century (m)
North American Review (semi-m)
Northern Christian Advocate (w)
Notes and Queries (w)
Numismatist (m)
Omaha Daily Bee
Open Court (m)
Outing (m)
Outlook (w)
Overland Monthly
Palestine Exploration Fund (q)
Park and Cemetery (m)
Pedagogical Seminary (q)
Philadelphia Press (d)
Philosophical Review (bi-m)
Photo-Miniature (m)
Photographic Times (m)
Physical Review (m)
Pitman's Journal (m)
Pittsburg Dispatch (d)
Poet Lore (q)
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Science Monthly
Power (m)
Psychological Bulletin (m)
Psychological Review (bi-m)
Public (w)
Public Libraries (m)
Publisher's Weekly
Punch (w)
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Ram's Horn (w)
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (m)
Records of the Past (m)
Recreation (m)
Religious Education (bi-m)
Review of Reviews (m)
Revue des Deux Mondes (bi-m)
Richmond Times-Dispatch (d)
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (d)
Rochester Post-Express (d)
Rocky Mountain News (d)
St. Louis Globe-Democrat (d)
Saturday Evening Post (w)
School (w)
School Review (m)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Scribner's Magazine (m)
Scrip (m)
Seattle Weekly Times
Seward Weekly Gazette
Southern Farm Gazette (semi-m)
Southern Workman (m)
Spectator (w)
Spirit of Missions (m)
Springfield Republican (d)
Sunflower (w)
Syracuse Chamber of Commerce (m)
Syracuse Daily Orange
Syracuse Evening Herald (d)
Syracuse Evening Journal (d)
Syracuse Post-Standard (d)

Syracuse Union (w)
Syracuse University Herald (m)
Syracuse University Weekly
Theosophical Quarterly
Toronto Globe (d)
Torrey Botanical Club Bulletins (m)
U. S. Consular and Trade Reports (m)
Universalist Leader (w)
University Chronicle (q)
Utica Observer (d)
Washington Post (d)
Westminster Review (m)
Wilshire's Magazine (m)
Woman's Journal (w)
Words and Works (m)
World Today (m)
World's Work (m)
Writer (m)
Yale Review (q)
Zion's Watch Tower (semi-m)

APPENDIX NO. 2

SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

List of abbreviations: (m) monthly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (q) quarterly; (y) yearly; (o) occasional; (w) weekly; (d) daily

Acadiensis
Amer. Catholic hist. soc. (q)
American Historical Magazine
Ancestor the (q)
Bostonian society coll. (o)
Buffalo hist. soc. (o)
California hist. genealogical soc. (o)
Canadian archives (o)
Cayuga hist. soc. (o)
Chicago hist. soc. (y)
Concord antiq. soc. (o)
Connecticut hist. soc. (o)
Cornwall parish register soc. (o)
Dedham hist. register (q)
Deutsche Historische Gesellschaft
Essex antiquarian (q)
Essex inst. hist. coll. (o)
Genealogical Exchange
Genealogical soc. of Penn. (o)
Genealogical Magazine (Boston) (m)
Geological soc. of America Bul.
Georgia hist. society (y)
Gloucestershire parish reg. soc. (o)
Hampshire parish register soc. (o)
Harleian society registers (m)
Hist. and philosoph. soc. of Ohio (y)
Historical bulletin (m)
Huguenot society of America (o)
Lower Norfolk co. Va. antiquary (o)
London parish reg. society (o)
Lundy's Lane hist. society (o)
Maine hist. society (o)
Mayflower descendant (q)
Medford hist. register (q)
Newburgh Bay and the Highlands hist. society (o)
New Eng. hist. and geneal. register (q)
New Eng. soc. of Brooklyn (o)
New Eng. soc. in the city of N. Y. (o)
New Hampshire geneal. record (q)
New Haven Colony hist. soc. (y)

New York genealogical and biographical record (q)
New York hist. society (o)
Norfolk parish register soc. (o)
Nottingham parish register soc. (o)
Old Colony hist. soc. (o)
Oneida hist. soc. (o)
Onondaga co. hist. soc. (o)
Old Northwest geneal. quarterly (q)
Olde Ulster
Pennsylvania-German society (o)
Pennsylvania magazine (q)
Phillimore parish register soc. (o)
Pilot Knob memorial assoc.
Rochester hist. society (o)
Scottish record society (o)
Shropshire parish register soc. (o)
Somerset parish register soc. (o)
Southern history assoc. pub. (bi-m)
So. Car. hist. and geneal. mag. (q)
Spirit of '76 (m)
State hist. soc. of Wisconsin (o)
Surtees society (o)
Thoresby society pub. (o)
Vermont antiquarian (q)
Vineland hist. and antiq. soc. (y)
Virginia magazine (q)
West Va. university pub. (o)
Wm. and Mary college quarterly (q)
Worcestershire parish reg. soc. (o)
Yearbook of probates (q)
Yorkshire parish reg. soc. (o)

APPENDIX NO. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

Collier's (w)
Junior Republic Citizen (m)
Outing (m)
Saint Nicholas (m)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Success (w)
Youth's Companion (w)

APPENDIX NO. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE REFERENCE ROOM

Architectural Review (m)
Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey Bulletins
Keramic Studio (m)
Masters in Art (m)
Masters in Music (m)
Outlook (m)
Patent Office Reports (w)
Portfolio
Studio (m)
University of California Bulletins (q)

APPENDIX NO. 5

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

Henry Altemus	1
G. B. Armstrong Jr	1
The Rev. W. M. Beauchamp	2
Beta Theta Pi	1
Andrew Carnegie	1
City of Boston	1
City of Los Angeles	1
City of Philadelphia	5
The Rev. H. G. Coddington	2
Collier & Son	12
Ethel Louise Cox	1
C. R. Crane and J. R. Freeman	1
The Hon. M. E. Driscoll	1
Dr. W. A. Duncan	1
C. Eldred	2
Essex Institute	1
Warren R. Fitch	1
Funk & Wagnalls	1
Sidney B. Gifford	2
Harper & Bros	1
Harvard University	1
D. M. Henderson	1
W. & S. B. Heywood	3
George Hunt	17
Albert S. Hunter	4
Jewish Executive Committee	1
Mrs. Lewis	2
MacMillan Co	1
National Christian Association	1
New Zealand Government	1
Isaac Pitman	1
Sampson & Murdoch	55
L. G. Sellstedt	1
The Rev. C. J. Shrimpton	10
Stanley G. Smith	1
State of Connecticut	12

State of Indiana	12
State of Massachusetts	8
State of Michigan	6
State of New Jersey	2
State of New York	69
W. M. Strickler	2
Swedenborg Society	1
Syracuse Herald	1
Anne E. Thompson	1
United States Government	105
Dr. Ely Van De Warker	1
The Hon. Horace White	7
White, Cheney & Shinaman	12
Unknown	2
Total	380

APPENDIX NO. 6

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1904	1905	1906
January	14,729	12,807	14,399
February	14,937	12,278	12,981
March	16,472	5,464	16,074
April	14,239	13,547	12,587
May	11,548	12,979	12,138
June	11,161	11,249	11,570
July	10,423	7,694	10,654
August	10,468	7,248	10,915
September	10,562	9,397	11,983
October	12,852	12,134	15,761
November	13,653	13,174	16,510
December	12,707	12,540	14,650
	153,751	130,511	160,222

NOTE.—The Library was closed for 23 days in 1905

APPENDIX NO. 7

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896-1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897-1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,631	145,313
1898-1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899-1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,397	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,138	3,000	5,413	138,630	167,902
1900-1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,333	5,633	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901-1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,038	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,298	106,292	132,990
1902-1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,532	5,308	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956
1903-1904	144	1,845	1,453	3,042	183	3,117	2,221	2,499	5,249	3,871	3,711	5,347	125,641	158,323
1904-1905	95	1,736	1,283	2,635	167	2,946	2,321	2,530	4,897	3,696	3,501	4,499	107,436	137,742
1906-	90	1,734	1,411	3,847	125	3,762	2,811	2,728	6,120	4,471	5,282	4,896	122,945	160,222

APPENDIX NO. 8

JUVENILE CIRCULATION

Jan. 1906 Dec. 1906	Fiction	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Total
January . . .	2521	4	2	114	94	18	25	43	132	104	143	3200
February . .	2317	9	10	92	88	12	16	35	110	134	178	3001
March	3008	7	10	147	131	37	24	68	215	180	273	4100
April	2584	5	5	101	95	16	26	42	126	100	147	3247
May	2540	2	3	85	87	15	20	44	108	64	128	3096
June	2398	3	3	105	75	11	30	29	114	60	103	2931
July	2413	2	----	93	70	8	22	33	118	60	60	2879
August	2126	----	4	76	63	5	29	32	76	73	78	2562
September . .	2325	2	4	97	46	8	30	49	121	91	109	2882
October . . .	3350	4	4	161	105	15	49	90	210	128	182	4298
November . .	3430	7	9	184	143	22	51	89	210	175	216	4537
December . .	2929	5	2	147	109	22	49	61	187	144	179	3834
Total	31941	50	56	1402	1106	189	371	615	1727	1313	1796	40566

Sent to West End Station 1202
" " Elmwood " 1186
Books added 667
" withdrawn 506

APPENDIX NO. 9

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 4,671.92
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	3,778.41
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,634.75
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	4,086.36
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	3,162.75
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,240.50
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,566.30
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,308.95
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	1,773.05
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	2,079.77
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,653.51
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,738.32
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	3,126.87
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	4,000.16
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	3,100.71
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,107.09
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,058.31
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	5,487.16
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,298.65
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	3,500.00
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,850.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,700.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	4,948.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	15,077.48
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	11,724.89
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,229.75
1897	307	307	121,571	4,039	34,231	15,738.93
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	25,363.50
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	23,818.45
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	25,911.19
1901	293	592	173,468	5,227	52,855	30,976.24
*1902	262	507	132,990	5,339	56,910	31,368.78
1903	305	501	152,956	5,150	61,097	30,100.00
1904	305	520	158,323	3,613	64,710	45,781.63
*1905	285	483	137,742	2,218	66,928	39,778.18
1906	304	527	160,222	4,604	71,532	38,487.50

*The Library was not open for the full year.

APPENDIX NO. 10

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1906

RECEIPTS

From City appropriation	$38,000 00
" State "	200 00
" Academy of Medicine	250 00
" Onondaga County Medical Society	37 50
	$38,487 50

EXPENDITURES

For Books	$ 6,316 26	
Serials	1,996 78	
Binding	1,566 90	
Repairs	403 76	
Supplies	1,118 19	
Heat	2,278 06	
Light	2,338 00	
North-side Branch	1,587 81	
Stations	373 29	
Incidentals	202 59	
Wages	15,720 20	
Furnishing	4,585 66	
		$38,487 50

APPENDIX NO. 11

REPORT OF FINES Etc.

AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR 1906

RECEIPTS

For balance from last year		$ 08
For Fines		246.60
For Subscriptions to Library (31)		32.00
For Books lost		1.40
		$280.08

EXPENDITURES

For express charges	$ 69.19	
For postage	63.01	
For car fare	12.80	
For books and magazines	7.00	
For supplies	123.84	
In hand Dec. 31 1906	4.24	
		$280.08



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USE OF LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., and on other days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m., and on Saturdays until 9 p. m. On Sundays from September 15th to June 15th the reading rooms, except that for local and family history, are open from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m.

Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons employed regularly in the city and children attending schools in the city have the same privileges as residents of the city. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and the reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 384 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own state government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons seeking information on any subject.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1907

To the Honorable the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:—

Dear Sirs:—

The annual report of the Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1907, is herewith submitted for your consideration.

The heads of the various departments have made statements of what has been done under their direction.

The summaries of statistics in the Appendixes set forth in careful form what has been accomplished. By referring to these statements and Appendixes you will find there has been a most gratifying increase in all the activities of the library. The number of books added to the library during the year is greater than ever before, with the single exception of the year 1900. These books have been distributed among the various departments with some emphasis upon books of local history and family history, and a greater emphasis upon industrial books. By reason of the interest which the physicians of the city are showing in the library, and under their advice, much attention has been given also to the purchase of books on foods, water, ventilation, sewage and other subjects connected with hygiene.

The reference department, the department of circulation, and the children's department have had generous increase in the purchase of books. And this increase in the number of new books has been accompanied by a corresponding increase in the use of the library. The reference books have been in service more than ever before. The periodicals were never before used so much as during the last year.

Much fiction has been added, and the call for fiction has kept up to its usual rate. The increase in the general circulation has been more than twenty per cent above last year, and the increase in the use of fiction has been at the same rate. The books of fiction are seventy per cent of the whole circulation. This indicates how largely the reading of books taken from the public library is a matter of pleasure rather than of profit. But as an amusement it is certainly preferable to the saloon or the pool room. And people who read fiction, if they have any capacity for better reading, will grow sooner or later into the perception of better books and a delight in them. And much of the fiction discusses the issues of life which are of vital importance and discusses them in the most effective manner. The habit of reading any class of books is a literary tonic, and there is no better school for the improvement of our citizens than a good library. The people who make such a library as this possible are public benefactors.

The public library is an adjunct to the public school, and is a vital part of that system of discipline and opportunity by which the people of our city become educated. It assists the school and supplements the school. It is a sort of college for the multitude. Thomas Carlyle says "The true university of men is a collection of books."

The Commissioner of Education of our State, recognizing the great educational value of the public libraries, discusses, in his last report, in a long article, the subject of "Libraries in New York State." In this discussion the Commissioner has put before the readers of his report a history of the beginnings and growth and present condition of library work.

Fifteen years ago, the Commissioner tells us, there were in this State 238 free public libraries. At the close of 1906 there were 678 free public libraries, an increase of 440 libraries, 184 per cent, in fourteen years. This shows a most encouraging strength and effectiveness in the library movement. This report is accompanied by maps and explanations and tables of statistics which cannot fail to engage the attention of people who are interested in the public good.

One of the most noteworthy tables in this report is a comparison of the libraries of cities in this State, in which are given the population, the number of volumes in the libraries, the amount of taxation for library purposes, and the amount of taxation per volume of the circulation. This tax per volume of circulation ranges from nothing per volume to twenty and one-half cents per volume. This is reached by dividing the total amount of money expended by the number of books which are put into circulation. In this table the Syracuse Public Library is made to issue books at greater expense than any other library in the State. This method of comparison, however, as a test of the work of public libraries is misleading and incorrect. It seems to rest on the assumption that the function of the public library is the circulation of books. It is unfortunate that a table published by such authority should even give color to the idea that circulation is the test of the usefulness of a library. It certainly could not have been so intended. In a good public city library the circulation of books is but one of its functions, and not its most important function. The books of fiction in the circulation are from two-thirds to three-fourths of the whole number sent out. And in a city where books of fiction are numerous and easily attained an expensive free library for the circulation of fiction would hardly be able to justify the cost of its existence.

The conduct of the reference part of city libraries in the various departments of history, art, science, literature, travel and industry is the more important part of the library collection and does the more important work. Many of the books in this part of the library are costly, and are of a size and form which make it impracticable that they should be put into circulation. And if they are taken from the building their use must be limited to a few people, whereas if they are kept in the library and convenient reading rooms are furnished, these books can easily be seen and used by all who wish them. The best work that the public library can do in cities where people can have easy access to it is in the work of answering the multitudinous questions which are asked by students, mechanics, merchants, artists,

travelers, school children, club people and other classes of inquiring and thoughtful men and women. There must be dictionaries and cyclopedias and sets of magazines and records of societies and doings of governments and proceedings of scientific organizations and a concourse of books which ordinary people can find nowhere else. Most people are unable to keep such books by reason of the expense involved, as well as by the inconvenience of caring for them. One great use of a public library is in giving people access to such books. The reference library is therefore more valuable to a city community than the circulating library.

Another important function of a city library is that of gathering the current newspapers and magazines and other serials and making them accessible to the public. There is a great demand for this kind of work in any city library, which would adequately serve the public. In this library we receive 384 periodicals. These are distributed in the various reading rooms. In the chief reading room are 285 newspapers and magazines, in the juvenile room 9, in the main reference room 10, in the historical room 71, and in the North Side Branch 8. These periodicals are from all parts of the English speaking world and from France, Germany and Italy. These are all in daily use.

The Syracuse newspapers and the magazines on all subjects which have permanent value are bound and put upon shelves with adequate indexes, where they are in constant use by the public. These form another very important part of the library which is a great expense for necessary attendants.

In addition to these this library has an excellent collection of books on local and family history, containing histories of the counties, cities, towns, villages and other localities in New York State, and such similar histories of the New England and the Middle States as the library is able to afford. It contains also a large number of histories of the families of the Northern States. The books in this department are also very much in use.

All these things are greatly more expensive than the books which go into the circulation, and to all these no attention is

given in a comparison based on circulation alone. Such a method of comparison is therefore defective. And it seems unaccountable that in an educational comparison of the work which libraries are doing, these things should be overlooked. Circulating books is one important function which libraries have in hand, but in well ordered larger libraries it may not be the most expensive. I think, gentlemen, that in this library in your charge, with its various departments, and its multitude of readers who do their work in the building, more money is expended for the part of the library which is used here than for the part which goes into the homes of the city. And I think that the work done in the building is more valuable to the city and supplies a more important need than that done by lending. In a city like this there are many ways in which common books may be reached, but there is no way by which the best books can be reached unless you provide them in the public library. So that if you take the method of comparison in the last education report of the State of New York, it might be thought that the greater the expense per volume of circulating books the better library you have. For it must be assumed that the extra expense is for good books which do not go into the circulation, and therefore make no showing in such a record. A wise man who wished to maintain a library which would do most for a city community might well think it best to make such a library chiefly or wholly a reading and reference library. And such a library would have no standing in such a method of comparison.

The tax which is paid for the Public Library is paid for all the varied activities of the library, and not merely for the circulation. And a comparison which makes no mention of these varied forms of work is manifestly unfair.

In addition it may be said that our library is under several limitations which are temporary and which increase the cost of its management. We are just getting adjusted to a new building which is much larger than our old building. It costs more to heat it and light it and keep it clean and to put attendants in

the various parts of it than it did in our old and smaller building, and we have not grown to an amount of business in which we can do this most economically.

Still further, we have some regulations in our circulation which limit the number of books. Especially we have an agreement entered into with the School Department of the city by which the school children of the city are limited to one story book a week during the school year until they get to the High School. This was discussed and agreed to in a full meetings of the teachers of the city several years ago, at which they requested us to so limit our circulation. Since the question of circulation has been raised the matter of juvenile circulation has again been placed before our superintendent of schools, and he is still of the opinion that such limitation is wise. The State Inspector of Libraries has also been consulted on the matter and has expressed his approval of limiting the use of books for school children. It should be said that not all the members of the Board of Trustees are convinced of the wisdom of this limitation. You can, however, hardly refuse to do what the School Department requests in such a matter. But it makes a great difference, if the test of efficiency in library work is the number of books given out, whether the children take one book or six books per week.

In conclusion it may be suggested that the appeal to circulation as a test of success gives those who value success, as all sensible people must, a constant temptation to emphasize poorer rather than better books. The cheaper the books, if these can be put into the circulation, the less the cost. Books of the quality and cost of dime novels might increase the number of our readers, but to what end?

Better read a reasonable number of good books, than a greater number of useless books. Our tests should be such as shall stimulate library trustees to do the best work practicable for the public whose teachers and helpers they are. I think that you must agree with me that while there is danger that public libraries may be administered with such high ideals as to weaken their appeal

to the mass of people, there is still greater danger in making success in library work a mere question of numbers of books furnished without regard to their quality.

The outlook for the work of the Public Library in Syracuse is better than ever before. The city government has been somewhat generous in funds for the year to come, so that we shall be able to buy more books and periodicals than heretofore. And the people of the city are growing more interested in what the library is doing, and more insistent upon having the books which they desire.

The members of the staff and other employes of the library have been earnest and careful in their work and have made possible the work which we have done during the year.

I am glad to express for the staff and for myself our gratitude to the trustees for your patience and generosity in the past and our confidence in the wisdom of your guidance for the future.

Respectfully,

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY.

January 2, 1908.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION

To the Librarian:

The following is a report of the work for the year ending December 31, 1907:

The circulating department of the library has been open 305 days. The number of books given out was 193,284 volumes, a daily average of 633 volumes. This is an increase since last year of 20 per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 3,717 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 16,107 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1,192 volumes on February 23. The largest monthly circulation was 21,640 volumes in November. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

The number of books in the German language given out has been 2,510.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and is doing good work for that neighborhood. The same may be said of the Elmwood Station.

The North Side Branch is in the Odd Fellows' Hall at the corner of Ash and Townsend streets and is in charge of Miss Marie Schaefer. In the past year it has circulated 16,285 volumes, including 2,299 German books and 5,589 juvenile books. There is a reading room with the leading magazines.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Home, to clubs, to schools that asked for them, and to some of the working rooms in the University. While the circulation of these books in these ways makes no show in the statistics of circulation, many people are thereby able to get the reading of books to whose attention they would not otherwise be brought. The statistics of the circulation at Elmwood and the West End are included in our regular statistics.

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON,
In charge.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The regular routine work of the department, classifying, cataloging, and shelf listing of the new books has proceeded as usual.

In addition to the regular work two numbers of a bi-monthly bulletin, containing classified lists of books added from September first to January first, have been prepared for printing. These lists have proved very useful to the public and meet the demand so often made for a list of books to take home.

A list of books on applied science and useful arts is being compiled and will soon be ready for the printer.

The new L. C. Smith typewriter has proved satisfactory and the work of revising the cards is less when they are made on a visible writing machine.

The cards in the catalog are being painted across the top edge with red ink, thus disguising, at least, the effect of much handling.

The catalogers were given a two weeks' leave of absence in which to attend the meeting of the American Library Association in Asheville and derived much mental and physical refreshment from their sojourn in the "Land of the sky."

CAROLINE M. DAGGETT,
Head Cataloger.

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY

To the Librarian:

This department has been strengthened by the addition of 512 volumes during the past year, of which 332 were classed as local history and 181 volumes as genealogy. The Local history room now has 9,183 volumes upon its shelves, 3,153 relating to family history and 5,808 on town or local history. In the map room are about 200 volumes not accessioned which belong to this department, being early directories, municipal reports, maps, etc., making a working library on the subjects indicated which receives words of commendation from many visitors whose familiarity with similar collections makes them judges. Thirty magazines bearing upon genealogical or historical matter are filed here, besides the various continuations belonging to sets. The last inventory shows that 21 volumes are lost or missing from this department. This has necessitated closing the cases containing the unbound books and pamphlets hitherto unrestricted to the public use, and in future more care will have to be taken in guarding them. The fact that some of these volumes are scarce and bring a premium among second hand dealers leads to the thought that some of the books missing may have been taken without honest intent.

In this respect we are not so unfortunate as the city of Oakland, Cal., whose public library of 65,000 volumes reports an annual loss of 772 books, and sorrowfully recommends a return to the closed stack.

Among the genealogical helps which have proved of particular value is the Index of persons in the New England register bound in three volumes and placed by the side of the magazine indexed. The New York genealogical and biographical society has also issued a subject index for the twenty-eight volumes of its magazine published. These with the Heads of families, 1790 Census, issued by the Government, provide a means of research

much appreciated. The work of indexing the current publications has been carried on, the plan being to index important subjects in the magazines as they are bound and placed upon the shelves. A list of the books in this department is being made and will be published the coming year.

Some time before his death the late Deacon Gilbert deposited with us his notes and those of his father, the Rev. Nelson J. Gilbert, on the history of the First Baptist church of Syracuse. These contain a list of marriages performed by the latter, the earliest one being on Oct. 6, 1814. As this is the oldest of the religious organizations in the city, this gift is regarded as a valuable accession.

Other gifts made to this department will be noticed in the general list. The increased use of this department is shown in its attendance, which fills our desks and chairs to the extent of our accommodations on some days. The interest manifested in local history by the children in the public schools suggests the advisability of some new low desks suited to their needs.

MINNIE L. KELLOGG,
In charge.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The Juvenile department of the Library has been open 305 days. During this time we have circulated 48,488 volumes, a daily average of 158 volumes. The average weekly circulation has been 932 volumes and the average monthly circulation 4,040 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 366 volumes. The largest monthly circulation was 5,235 volumes. This is an increase of 20 per cent. over last year. The details are given in Appendix 8.

The children of the grammar schools are allowed only two books a week during the school year—one book of fiction and one miscellaneous book. This encourages those children to take miscellaneous books who would not otherwise be likely to do so and a marked change has been found in their reading.

An extra number of the books required on the Regents' list have been purchased and set up in separate shelves for high school and grammar school students.

Books have been sent to schools, home libraries and other places that have requested them and we hope to do this on a larger scale the coming year.

The Story Hour has been well attended, having an average attendance of 85 children.

EMILY KING MUNDY,
In charge.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

This is the first report of the Periodical department, which was organized at the time we moved into the new building. Previous to that time the magazines were on file in the Reference department and the newspapers and weeklies in a small reading room. It was evident from the beginning that the Periodical department supplied a long needed want, giving the public easy access to the magazines and newspapers in one large room with a special attendant and a comfortable place for reading and study without infringing upon the more serious work of the Reference department.

Nearly three hundred magazines and newspapers are displayed on open shelves where one may make his own selection or seek the aid of the attendant in charge. Of this number about one hundred are bound as the volumes are completed and many others are permanently preserved, while those of current value are kept for one year. The local newspapers are bound and the library possesses a nearly complete file of all Syracuse papers. These form a very valuable addition to the library and may be consulted at any time. All other newspapers are kept on file three months.

The bulletin boards are kept supplied with pictures of notable people and important events, supplemented with reading lists of magazine articles. Special reading lists are prepared when requested and are a great help to students, club women and all other busy people who seek information concerning the many topics and problems of current interest.

Unfortunately no regular count of the attendance has been kept, but the average number of readers at one sitting approximates forty. On Sundays the attendance often reaches the hundred mark and then the need of more tables and chairs is still more apparent.

The collection of directories, many of which were given to us by Sampson & Murdock, are much appreciated and supply a great deal of information.

It is to be hoped that a few general reference books may be added soon, so as to supply the demand for popular information to the casual reader. The number of periodicals should also be increased as the demand increases and that part of the library work made more vital.

MARY ESTELLE TODD,
In charge.

APPENDIX NO. 1

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS ON FILE IN PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

List of Abbreviations: (d) daily; (f) fortnightly; (m) monthly; (q) quarterly; (w) weekly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (irreg) irregular; (*) gift

Albany Evening Journal (d)
American Anthropologist (q)
American Antiquarian (bi-m)
American Catholic Hist. Society Records (q)
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Educational Review (m)
American Historical Review (q)
American Journal of Archæology (q)
American Journal of Psychology (q)
American Journal of Science (m)
American Journal of Sociology (bi-m)
American Journal of Theology (q)
American Library Association Bulletin (bi-m)
American Machinist (w)
American Magazine (m)
American Monthly Magazine
American Museum Journal (q)
American Naturalist (m)
*American Queen (m)
*American Republics (m)
American Statistical Association (q)
Annals of the American Academy (q)
*Appeal to Reason (w)
Architectural Record (m)
Architectural Review, Eng. (m)
Arena (m)
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Asiatic Society of Japan (q)
Athenaeum (w)
Atlantic (m)
Auk (q)
Badminton Magazine (m)
Baltimore Sun (d)
Biblical World (m)
Bibliotheca Sacra (q)
*Billboard (w)
Binghamton Press (d)
Biological Bulletin (m)

Bird Lore (bi-m)
Blackwood's Magazine (m)
*Board of Trade Journal, Harrisburg (m)
*Board of Trade Journal, Scranton (m)
*Book Buyer (m)
Book Review Digest (m)
Bookman (m)
Bookseller (m)
*Boston Alaskan (m)
Boston Evening Transcript (d)
Botanical Gazette (m)
*Broadway Magazine (m)
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial (d)
*Bulletin of Syracuse Chamber of Commerce (m)
*Bureau of Labor Bulletins
Cassier's Magazine (m)
*Catholic Sun (w)
Century Magazine (m)
*Century Path (w)
Charities (w)
Chautauquan (m)
Chicago Tribune (d)
Christian and Missionary Alliance (w)
Christian Art (m)
*Christian Science Journal (m)
*Christian Science Sentinel (w)
*Churchman (w)
Cincinnati Inquirer (d)
Cleveland Leader (d)
Collier's Weekly
*Colorado Graphic (w)
Columbia University Quarterly
Concerning Municipal Ownership (m)
*Concrete (m)
*Congressional Record (d)
*Consular and Trade Reports (m)
Contemporary Review (m)
*Cook's American Traveller's Gazette (m)
Cornell Countryman (m)
Cosmopolitan (m)
Country Life in America (m)
Craftsman (m)
Cumulative Book Index (m)
Current Literature (m)
*Defender (w)
Delineator (m)
Denver Republican (d)
Detroit Free Press (d)
Dial (bi-m)
Edinburgh Review (q)
Editor (m)
Education (m)
Educational Gazette (m)
Educational Review (m)
Electrical World (w)
Electrician and Mechanic (m)
*Empire State (q)
Engineering Magazine (m)
Engineering and Mining Journal (w)
Engineering News (w)
English Historical Review (q)
English Mechanic (w)
Everybody's Magazine (m)
Everyday Housekeeping (m)
*Exponent (m)
Farm Journal (m)
Fern Bulletin (q)
Fliegende Blätter (w)
*Floral Life (m)
Forest and Stream (w)
Forestry and Irrigation (m)
Fortnightly Review
Forum (q)
Garden Magazine (m)
*Glocke (Die) (m)
Good Government (m)
Good Housekeeping (m)
*Gospel Messenger (m)
*Government Publications (m)
Harper's Bazar (m)
Harper's Magazine (m)
Harper's Weekly
Harvard Graduate's Magazine (q)
*Helper (w)

*Herald of the Cross (m)
Hibbert Journal (q)
Home Herald (w)
Home Nature Study (q)
House Beautiful (m)
*Human Life (m)
Illustrated London News (w)
L'Illustration (w)
L'Illustrazione Italiana (w)
Illustrirte Zeitung (w)
Independent (w)
Index Medicus (m)
*Indian's Friend (m)
International Journal of Ethics (q)
International Socialist Review (m)
Journal d' Hygiene (m)
Journal of American Folklore (q)
Journal of Chemical Industry (f)
Journal of the Franklin Institute (m)
Journal of Geology (bi-m)
Journal of Pedagogy (q)
Journal of Political Economy (m)
Journal of Royal Sanitary Institute (m)
Journal of Royal Statistical Society (q)
Jugend (w)
Keith's Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Magazine (m)
Ladies' Home Journal (m)
Leslie's Weekly
Library Index to Periodicals (m)
Library Journal (m)
Library Work (irreg)
Life (w)
Literary Digest (w)
Living Age (w)
London Times (w)
*Louisiana Planter (w)
*Lutheran (w)
*Lutheran World (w)
McClure's Magazine (m)
Magazine of History (m)
Metal Industry (m)
Missionary Review (m)
*Missionary Tidings (m)
Model Engineer and Electrician (w)
Monist (q)
Municipal Engineering (m)
Municipal Journal (w)
Munsey (m)
*Museum of Fine Arts Bulletin (b-m)
Musical Courier (w)
Musical Times (m)
Musikalisches Wochenblatt (w)
Nation (w)
National Builder (m)
National Geographic Magazine (m)
*National Prohibitionist (w)
New England Magazine (m)
New York Dramatic Mirror (w)
New York Evening Post (d)
New York Herald (d)
New York Suffrage Newsletter (m)
New York Sun (d)
New York Times (d)
New York Times Book Review (w)
New York Tribune (d)
New York Tribune Sunday Magazine (w)
Newark Evening News (w)
Nineteenth Century (m)
North American Review (f)
*Northern Christian Advocate (w)
Notes and Queries (w)
Numismatist (m)
Omaha Daily Bee
Open Court (m)
Outing (m)
Outlook (w)
Overland Monthly
*Pacific Northwest
Palestine Exploration Fund (q)
Park and Cemetery (m)
Pedagogical Seminary (q)
Philadelphia Press (d)
Philosophical Review (bi-m)
Photographic Times (m)
Photo-Miniature (m)
Physical Review (m)

*Pitman's Journal (m)
Pittsburg Dispatch (d)
Poet Lore (q)
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Science Monthly
Power (m)
*Psychological Bulletin (m)
Psychological Review (bi-m)
Public (w)
Public Health (m)
Public Libraries (m)
Publisher's Weekly
Punch (w)
Putnam's Monthly
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (m)
Records of the Past (m)
Recreation (m)
*Religious Education (bi-m)
Resveglio Coloniale (w)
Review of Reviews (m)
Revue des Deux Mondes (f)
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (d)
Rochester Post-Express (d)
Rocky Mountain News (d)
St. Louis Globe-Democrat (d)
Saturday Evening Post (w)
School (w)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Scribner's Magazine (m)
Seattle Weekly Times
*Skaneateles Democrat (w)
*Southern Farm Gazette (f)
Southern Workman (m)
Spectator (w)
*Spirit of Missions (m)
Springfield Republican (d)
Success (m)
*Sunflower (w)
Syracuse Daily Orange
Syracuse Evening Herald (d)
Syracuse Evening Journal (d)
Syracuse Post-Standard (d)
*Syracuse Union (w)
System (m)
Technical Literature (m)
*Theosophical Quarterly
Toronto Globe (d)
Torrey Botanical Club Bulletins (m)
*Universalist Leader (w)
Utica Observer (d)
Washington Post (d)
*Weekly People
Westminster Review (m)
*Wilshire's Magazine (m)
*Woman's Journal (w)
World Today (m)
World's Work (m)
Writer (m)
Yale Review (q)
Zeitschrift fur Hygiene (bi-m)
Zeitschrift fur Schulgesundheits Pflege (m)
*Zion's Watch Tower (f)

APPENDIX NO. 2

SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

List of abbreviations: (m) monthly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (q) quarterly; (y) yearly; (o) occasional; (w) weekly; (d) daily; (*) gift

Acadiensis
Amer. Catholic Hist. Soc. (q)
American Historical Magazine
Ancestor (q)
Bostonian Society Coll. (o)
Buffalo Hist. Soc. (o)
*California Hist. Genealogical Soc. (o)
Canadian Archives (o)
Cayuga Hist. Soc. (o)
*Chicago Hist. Soc. (y)
Concord Antiq. Soc. (o)
Connecticut Hist. Soc. (o)
Cornwall Parish Register Soc. (o)
Dedham Hist. Register (q)
Deutsche Historische Gesellschaft
Essex Antiquarian (q)
Essex Inst. Hist. Coll. (o)
Genealogical Exchange
Genealogical Soc. of Penn. (o)
Genealogical Magazine (Boston) (m)
Genealogical Soc. of America Bul.
*Georgia Hist. Society (y)
Gloucestershire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)
Hampshire Parish Register Soc. (o)
Harleian Society Registers (m)
*Hist. and Philosoph. Soc. of Ohio (y)
Historical Bulletin (m)
Huguenot Society of America (o)
LowerNorfolk Co. Va. Antiquary (o)
London Parish Reg. Society (o)
Lundy's Lane Hist. Society (o)
Maine Hist. Society (o)
Mayflower Descendant (q)
Medford Hist. Register (q)
*Newburgh Bay and the Highlands Hist. Society (o)
New Eng. Hist. and Geneal. Register (q)
New Eng. Soc. of Brooklyn (o)
New Eng. Soc. in the City of N. Y. (o)
New Hampshirt Geneal. Record (q)
*New Haven Colony Hist. Soc. (y)
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (q)
New York Hist. Society (o)
Norfolk Parish Register Soc. (o)
Nottingham Parish Register Soc. (o)
Old Colony Hist. Soc. (o)
Oneida Hist. Soc. (o)
*Onondaga Co. Hist. Soc. (o)
Old Northwest Geneal. Quarterly (q)
Olde Ulster
Pennsylvania-German Society (o)
Pennsylvania Magazine (q)
Phillimore Parish Register Soc. (o)
*Pilot Knob Memorial Assoc.
Rochester Hist. Society (o)
Scottish Record Society (o)
Shropshire Parish Register Soc. (o)
Somerset Parish Register Soc. (o)
Southern History Assoc. Pub. (bi-m)
So. Car. Hist. and Geneal. Mag. (q)
Spirit of '76 (m)
State Hist. Soc. of Wisconsin (o)
Surtees Society (o)
Thoresby Society Pub. (o)
Vermont Antiquarian (q)
*Vineland Hist. and Antiq. Soc. (y)
Virginia Magazine (q)
West Va. University Pub. (o)
Wm. and Mary College Quarterly (q)
Worcestershire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)
Yearbook of Probates (q)
Yorkshire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)

APPENDIX NO. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

American Boy
Collier's (w)
Junior Republic Citizen (m)
Outing (m)
Saint Nicholas (m)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Success (w)
Youth's Companion (w)

APPENDIX NO. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE REFERENCE ROOM

Architectural Review (m)
Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey Bulletins
Keramic Studio (m)
Masters in Art (m)
Masters in Music (m)
Outlook (m)
Patent Office Reports (w)
Portfolio
Studio (m)
University of California Bulletins (q)

APPENDIX NO. 5

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

The Rev. A. V. G. Allen	1
Atlas Portland Cement Company	1
J. H. Austin	8
Mr. George Barrow and the Misses Barrow	1
The Rev. W. M. Beauchamp	1
F. H. Benson	2
Canadian Government	2
Christian Science Church	3
City of Boston	2
City of Chicago	1

City of Utica	1
Theodore A. Clark	26
Cleveland Automobile Institute	1
The Rev. H. G. Coddington	3
F. J. Cook	1
A. C. Coolidge	1
Miss Janet Cowing	1
Francesco E. Di Bartolo	4
J. C. Carter's Executors	1
Kathleen Gifford	1
Sidney B. Gifford	3
Charlotte E. Graves	1
S. A. Green	1
C. L. Griffin	1
F. W. Hammond	1
The Rev. G. E. Hutchings	1
E. C. Kinney	1
J. B. Koetteritz	1
Gay B. de Lima	1
J. Lincklaen	1
MacMillan Company	1
C. J. Mason	4
Medical Association	3
Dr. A. C. Mercer	75
The Rev. E. W. Mundy	1
Mrs. M. J. Myers	1
National Slavonic Society of the United States	1
Onondaga Medical Society	1
Ontario Bureau of Industries	1
Mrs. William Parshall	3
F. C. Penfield	1
Mrs. Philip S. Ryder	56
Sampson & Murdoch	54
J. William Smith	5
Mrs. M. T. Smith	1
The Rev. G. B. Spalding	1
State of Michigan	2
State of New Jersey	2
State of New York	34
Mrs. J. S. Stewart	1
Syracuse Herald	5
Mrs. Albert H. Thompson and Miss Louise Burdic	1
John Harvey Treat	2
United States Government	28

Mrs. James Vandegrift	3
F. A. Van der Kemp	1
Viquesney Publishing Company	1
A. J. Wallon & Son	1
Wisconsin Historical Society	1
F. A. Young	1
Unknown	1
Total	362

APPENDIX NO. 6

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1904	1905	1906	1907
January	14,729	12,807	14,399	16,633
February	14,937	12,278	12,981	15,627
March	16,472	5,464	16,074	17,582
April	14,239	13,547	12,587	16,718
May	11,548	12,979	12,138	15,381
June	11,161	11,249	11,570	13,359
July	10,423	7,694	10,654	12,475
August	10,468	7,248	10,915	12,638
September	10,562	9,397	11,983	12,497
October	12,852	12,134	15,761	18,731
November	13,653	13,174	16,510	21,640
December	12,707	12,540	14,650	20,008
	153,751	130,511	160,222	193,284

NOTE.—The Library was closed for 23 days in 1905

APPENDIX NO. 7

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896-1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897-1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,631	145,313
1898-1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899-1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,397	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,138	3,000	5,413	138,630	167,902
1900-1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,333	5,633	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901-1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,038	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,298	106,292	132,990
1902-1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,532	5,808	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956
1903-1904	144	1,845	1,453	3,042	183	3,117	2,221	2,499	5,249	3,871	3,711	5,347	125,641	158,323
1904-1905	95	1,736	1,283	2,635	167	2,946	2,321	2,530	4,897	3,696	3,501	4,499	107,436	137,742
1906	90	1,734	1,411	3,847	125	3,762	2,811	2,728	6,120	4,471	5,282	4,896	122,945	160,222
1907	54	1,917	1,922	4,807	99	3,947	3,580	3,313	7,556	5,760	5,371	5,461	149,497	193,284

APPENDIX NO. 8

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

	Fiction	General Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Total	Station 1	Station 2
January	3,195	1	5	3	123		91	22	42	53	191	119	184	4,029	144	157
February	3,000	1	6	5	137	2	113	25	47	66	180	137	197	3,916	126	121
March	3,447		11	6	189		134	12	43	97	228	197	230	4,594	119	109
April	3,423		8	9	159		104	22	34	111	219	146	191	4,426	160	118
May	3,146		5	1	163		88	17	35	100	170	111	151	3,987	128	131
June	2,738		6	4	95		60	8	28	61	126	78	135	3,339	95	99
July	2,629			4	81		40	9	35	36	98	58	92	3,082	111	108
August	2,442		1	3	90		44	8	25	24	76	55	94	2,862	89	94
September	2,324		2	3	96		60	10	35	40	113	69	108	2,860	84	58
October	3,597		9	13	196		88	14	47	76	191	133	218	4,582	139	110
November	4,226		8	9	290		153	28	62	120	243	166	271	5,576	165	127
December	4,035		9	6	245		109	25	61	112	234	151	248	5,235	223	126
	38,202	2	70	66	1,864	2	1,084	200	494	896	2,069	1,420	2,119	48,488	1,583	1,358

Fines received, $149.67. Expenditures, $78.91. In hand, $70.76.

APPENDIX NO. 9
STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 4,671.92
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	3,778.41
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,634.75
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	4,086.36
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	3,162.75
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,240.50
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,566.30
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,308.95
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	1,773.05
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	2,079.77
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,653.51
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,738.32
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	3,126.87
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	4,000.16
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	3,100.71
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,107.09
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,058.31
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	5,487.16
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,298.65
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	3,500.00
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,850.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,700.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	4,948.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	15,077.48
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	11,724.89
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,229.75
1897	307	307	121,571	4,089	34,231	15,738.93
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	25,363.50
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	23,818.45
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	25,911.19
1901	293	592	173,468	5,227	52,855	30,976.24
*1902	262	507	132,990	5,339	56,910	31,368.78
1903	305	501	152,956	5,150	61,097	30,100.00
1904	305	520	158,323	3,613	64,710	45,781.63
*1905	285	483	137,742	2,218	66,928	39,778.18
1906	304	527	160,222	4,604	71,532	38,487.50
1907	305	633	193,284	6,206	77,738	35,200.00

*The Library was not open for the full year.

APPENDIX NO. 10

FINANCE REPORT SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1907

RECEIPTS

City of Syracuse		$35,000 00
State of New York		200 00
		$35,200 00

EXPENDITURES

Books	$ 7,978 78	
Serials	1,122 30	
Binding	1,700 08	
Repairs	442 24	
Supplies	1,071 97	
Heat	2,199 84	
Light	2,516 80	
North Side Branch	1,301 76	
Stations	330 21	
Incidentals	880 20	
Wages	15,655 82	
		$35,200 00

APPENDIX NO. 11

REPORT OF CASH AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR 1906

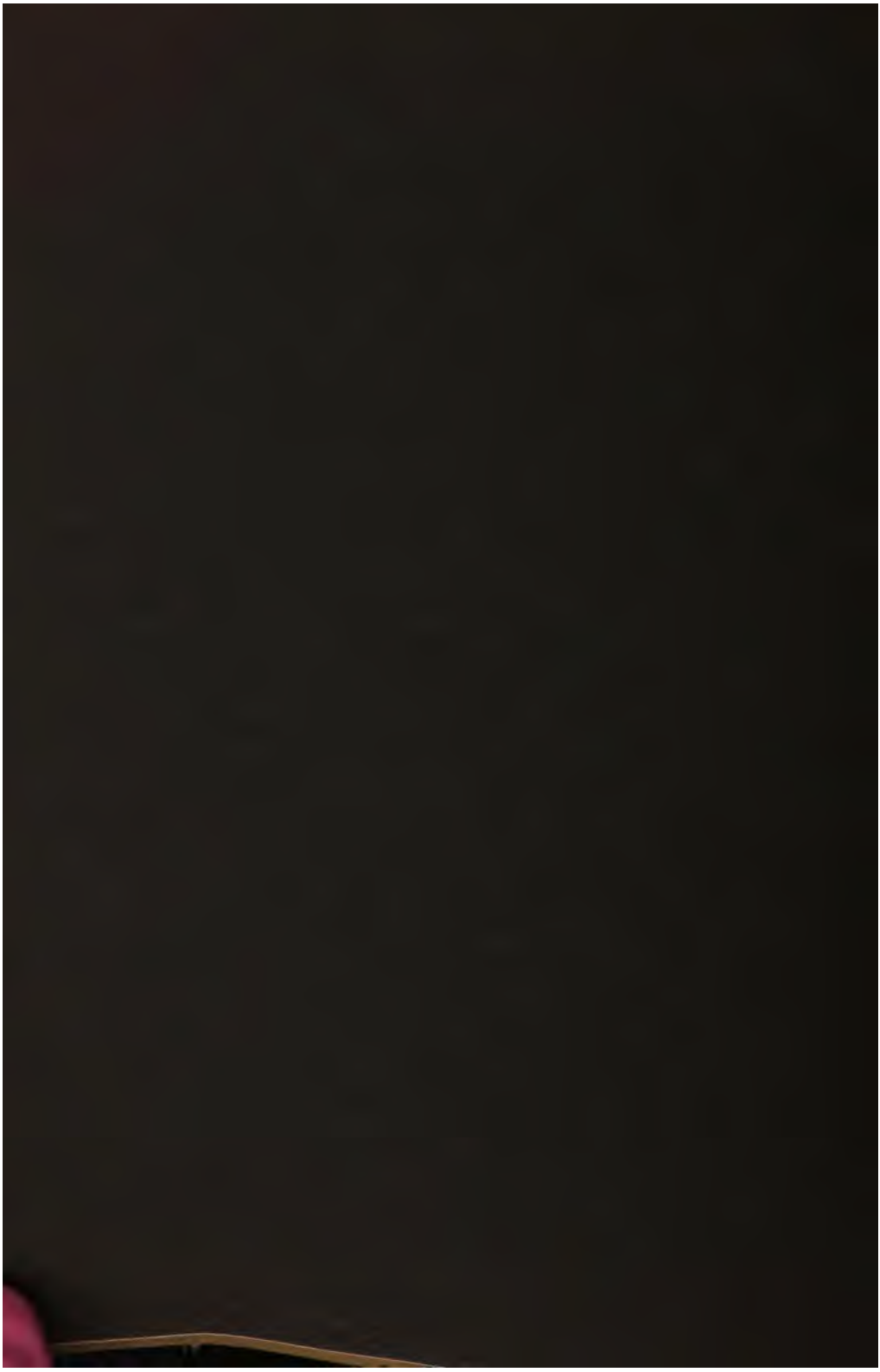
RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 4 24	
Fines	311 33	
44 subscriptions	46 00	
Books lost	11 39	
North Side Branch	8 00	
		$380 96

EXPENDITURES

Express	$ 78 97	
Postage	66 93	
Supplies	228 24	
On hand	6 82	
		$380 96

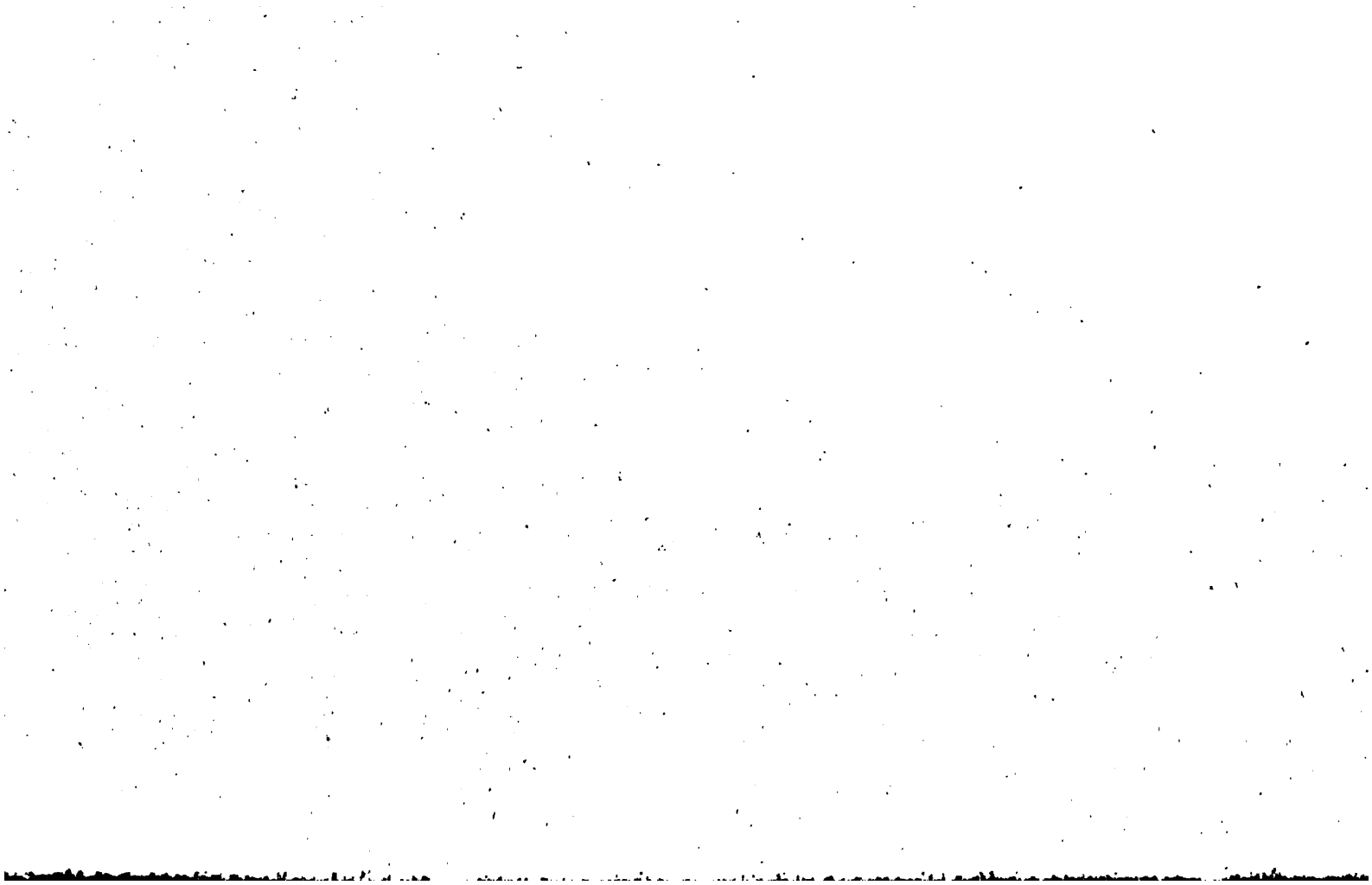




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USE OF LIBRARY

The circulating department is open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when it is open on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., and on other days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The reading rooms and reference library are open daily, except on Sundays and legal holidays, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m., except during July and August, when they are open on week days from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m., and on Saturdays until 9 p. m. On Sundays from September 15th to June 15th the reading rooms, except that for local and family history, are open from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m.

Books in the reading rooms and reference library are free to all persons for use in the rooms.

The circulating library is free to every person over ten years of age living in the city and recommended by a reputable citizen. Persons employed regularly in the city and children attending schools in the city have the same privileges as residents of the city. Persons living out of the city have free use of the reading rooms and the reference library. Such persons may draw books from the circulating library upon payment of two dollars yearly.

The reading rooms receive regularly 398 magazines and newspapers.

The reference library contains the best dictionaries and cyclopedias, sets of the leading magazines both English and American, files of proceedings of societies, with many choice books on art, literature, biography, local and family history, which are too rare or too valuable to be put into circulation. It contains also most of the publications of the United States government, and our own state government, with many publications of other states.

It is desired to emphasize the statement that the librarian and the assistants give special attention to aiding persons seeking information on any subject.



MAIN READING ROOM

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1908

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS—The Annual Report of the work of the Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1908, is herewith submitted for your consideration.

The statements of the heads of the various departments will give you accounts of what has been done in the various activities of our work for the year, and the tables of statistics will spread before you careful records, as far as figures can do so, of the results. From these sources you will be able to get a fairly complete view of what has been attempted and accomplished.

The work of the year has been very inciting and encouraging to the members of the staff because of the notable increase in the number of books put into the circulation and in the number of people who have visited the reading rooms and the different parts of the reference library. The circulation has increased more than thirty per cent and the increase in the use of the periodicals and the books in the reading and reference rooms has been quite as much. The interest which our citizens have in the library is growing in a way to gratify all who cherish ideals concerning the results which a public library should produce in a community.

The increase in the amount of money which the city has been willing to put into your hands has enabled you to place more books on the shelves during the last two years than ever in the history of the library hitherto, and this has been followed by quick and earnest attention on the part of the reading public. The most noteworthy response has been in books on philosophy, on the useful arts, and on sociology, but books on history, on

science and on the fine arts follow close at hand, while the rate of increase in the circulation of fiction falls below the average increase. This is an encouragement to sober-minded and practical people.

The public is kept well-informed in respect of the purchases of new books by the kindness of the city newspapers in calling frequent attention to what is done in the library. The Post-Standard publishes regularly every Saturday a list of all the new books purchased during the preceding week. The Bulletin of the Library published once in two months is a classified arrangement according to subjects of all the new books put on the library shelves during the two months preceding its publication, and it is free to all who wish it. This bulletin carefully preserved and filed will be a classified list of the late books added to the library and will aid people greatly in selecting and ordering books.

The library is indebted to many friends for gifts of books and periodicals. A list of these gifts is read each month in the meetings of the trustees. The governments of the various states, the members of our own state government and the members of the government of the United States kindly furnish to the library many valuable publications.

Among the most notable of the gifts which have come to us during the last year is a set of four large quarto volumes from Mrs. Frank Harris Hiscock on the Ornamental Arts of Japan. The book is the work of George Ashdown Audsley, an English gentleman who has made a life-long study of eastern decorative art. The work was published in an edition of five hundred copies of which this is number 54. It was subscribed for at its publication in 1883 by Mr. George Barnes of our city.

The library has also received a very interesting and valuable gift of old books from Mr. J. William Smith, the President of your Honorable Board. The gift consists of 447 volumes of books, beginning with examples of the early hand-made books written on vellum and illustrated in the style of those times, and containing examples of the early printed books from many of the famous European presses, and continuing down through the

intervening years to the present date. Mr. Smith's purpose was not simply to gather a collection of curious and interesting specimens of books, but to illustrate the history of book-making. To this end the old bindings are carefully kept, and the old work with all its defects carefully preserved. The collection makes a most striking appeal to the eye, and stimulates interest not only in the books themselves, but in the life and history from which they came and of which they are such picturesque illustrations.

The mediæval hand-made book was a work of art, as anyone will at once see upon opening one of those books. The early printed books were made by men who thought of books as works of art. But the printing press soon made the book not so much a work of art as a necessity of civilization. The result at once showed itself in the cheapening of books for the use of the people, and this drove book-makers to labor-saving processes and poor work. The commercial situation soon came to have an overruling influence. As book-making advanced the quality of the work grew poorer until the middle of the eighteenth century. Then an attempt was begun in the doing of better work, and from that time to the present the quality of book work has steadily grown better. No less an authority than William Morris says that there has been no other book so well done as the Gutenberg Bible, which was the first considerable book from the printing press. Since the time of John Baskerville, who was appointed printer to the University of Cambridge in 1758, and who began to do better work, there has been a constant improvement in printing, until to-day the best presses in Europe and America produce excellent books. To the illustration of this entertaining history the J. William Smith collection is devoted.

Such a collection is a luxury which no ordinary library could hope to obtain without the munificence of some discriminating and generous friend. The volumes teach a constant lesson not only of the arts and history which they describe but of the patient processes through which our present attainments in making books have been reached.

President Smith designates his gift as "this beginning of the J. William Smith Collection," which is delightfully suggestive of what he may do for us in the future. Indeed he has already added a number of volumes since the first gift.

Mr. Smith also kindly includes in the purposes of his gift the memory of the present Librarian.

It gives the Librarian great pleasure to mention to the Trustees the courtesy and fidelity of all the members of the staff without which you would have been unable to reach the results which the report shows. Respectfully,

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY
Librarian

January 2 1909

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION

To the Librarian:

The following is a report of the work for the year ending December 31, 1908:

The circulating department of the library has been open 308 days. The number of books given out was 252,794 volumes, a daily average of 814 volumes. This is an increase since last year of thirty per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 4,861 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 21,066 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1,398 volumes on February 8. The largest monthly circulation was 25,138 volumes in March. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and has circulated 5,482 volumes. The Elmwood Station has circulated 2,415 volumes.

The North Side Branch is in the Odd Fellows' Hall at the corner of Ash and Townsend streets and is in charge of Miss Marie Schaefer. In the past year it has circulated 17,392 volumes, including 2,447 German books and 5,747 juvenile books. There is a reading room with the leading magazines. The German books of the library have all been sent to the North Side Branch.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Old Ladies' Home, and to schools that have asked for them. They have circulated 1,597 volumes.

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON
In charge

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The report of our work for 1908 falls into two divisions—what we have done and what we have tried to do.

First, what we have done:

Five thousand, four hundred and seventy-five books, recent accessions, have been classified, shelf-listed and cataloged and the cards filed in three different departments in the main library, and also in the North Side Branch.

Five numbers of the Bulletin have been printed and a list of the Lincolniana in the library was compiled and printed in the last number.

The list of books on applied science and industrial arts, containing fifteen hundred titles of works on electricity, chemistry, physics, engineering, metallurgy, manufactures, mechanics, trades, agriculture, architecture, pottery and design, was issued early in the year and by judicious advertising was widely circulated.

Packages of the lists with explanatory notices for posting were sent to thirty workshops and manufacturing plants. Other notices were sent to the Post-Standard, Evening Journal and Herald, and were promptly published. By this means the list was brought at once to the notice of the working men for whose benefit it was intended, and two-thirds of the edition of two thousand copies have already been distributed. The increase in the circulation of industrial and scientific books shows in the statistics.

The valuable collection of rare and early printed books, four hundred and forty-seven in number, presented to the library by Mr. J. William Smith, added variety and some anxiety to the work of the early summer. A classified list was made on sheets, with very full description, and an index of printers added.

The unusual character of these books made the task of dealing with them longer and harder in many ways than other work of the year. It requires much time and consulting of reference

books to note the merits and points of such books with even approximate accuracy.

The work of completing sets in the state and government documents and cataloging them has been carried on as time would permit, and this has involved a good deal of correspondence.

One hundred and ten volumes have been added in this way beside those regularly received.

This work with the documents also includes a good deal of reference work on account of their being shelved out of reach of the reference room attendants.

In cataloging the books bought with the medical fund we have made extra author cards and filed in a separate drawer so that this file forms a complete separate author list of all the books bought with that fund.

A List of Germans from the Palatinate who arrived in St. Catherines in 1709 was copied from a manuscript copy taken in the British Museum. This was the work of one copyist for two weeks.

The records of the lost and withdrawn books and of the books charged to the bindery are also kept in this department.

What we are trying to do:

There have been many disadvantages about having no general catalog. There has been the catalog of circulating books in the circulating department and the two reference catalogs in their respective departments, but there has been no one place where one could turn to find a complete list of all the books in the library. With a view to supplying this deficiency we began about five years ago to make duplicate cards for all the new reference books as we put them in.

For the books already cataloged and in the reference room we ordered duplicate sets of cards from the Library of Congress as far as they could supply us.

As the opportunity came to us, in the intervals when book buying lagged, and special libraries, documents, bulletins and finding lists were not claiming our attention, we have been copying the rest of the reference catalog.

Our work of copying cards has been efficiently assisted this year by Miss Boone of the reference department, who has been copying the main entries and filling in the records on the back of the card. These are revised and the sets completed in the cataloging room. By another year we hope to report the work completed, though carried on, as it is, as an incidental with our regular and irregular work, we cannot see our way with any certainty.

CAROLINE M. DAGGETT
In charge

REPORT OF REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The work of the department, with its many details, has gone on as usual during 1908. The opportunity afforded by the summer vacation and absence of students was taken for rebinding 120 very shabby volumes of Congressional Globes and Records, the lettering on the back of which had become nearly illegible with time. A binding of pigskin was tried for them, and although somewhat more expensive than the usual buffing, not only makes a fine appearance, but promises to outwear anything else upon our shelves. We have been able to continue the filling out of important Poole sets of periodicals, particularly the Magazine of Art series.

Miss Boone, for special work, has made a typewritten index of our volumes of Shakespeariana and has also given much time to the making of cards for the general catalog now in process of preparation by the catalogers.

Among books added during the year, specially noteworthy from the standpoint of usefulness to the average student, may be mentioned Nelson's Perpetual Loose-Leaf Encyclopædia, a novelty in its line; cyclopædias of civil engineering, textile work, electricity, and architecture; Calvert's Spanish series, dealing with the art and history of Spain; the Norroena Library, embracing the history and romance of Northern Europe; two late Italian and Spanish dictionaries; Thesaurus dictionary of the English language; many Baedeker guide-books; historical catalogs of Brown, New York and Princeton universities; Journals of the Confederate Congress; and several back volumes of Wallace's Trotting Register and Year Book, to which we now subscribe annually.

Tables of statistics follow

United States and State documents	147
Continuations	78
Bound magazines	218
Other books	391
Total	834

Statistics by classes compiled from bi-monthly bulletins

Bibliography	59
Religion	36
Language	7
Sociology	91
Science	81
Useful arts	73
Fine arts	118
Literature	20
Biography	19
Travel	35
History	77
Bound magazines	218
Total	834

DONORS AND GIFTS

Not including government documents or society publications received regularly

George Barrow—Catalog of John D. Barrow Art Gallery
Colonial Dames of America—Letters to Washington 5 Vols
Thos. A. Emmet (author)—Ireland Under English Rule 2 Vols
Free and Accepted Masons of N. Y.—Proceedings 1791-1829
Frederick L. Gay—Catalog of Mass. Colonial Books at Jamestown Ter-Centennial
F. W. Hammond—New York Red Book 1908

Miss Josephine Howe—Koran
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—Los Angeles Guide Book
E. E. Schwarzkopf—International Motor Cyclopedia and Year-Book 1908
Snead & Co. Jersey City—Book Shelving for Libraries
Frank J. Thompson—Masonic Homes
Frank J. Thompson—Masonic Membership Records
George Timmins—Hon. Peter White

ADA WRIGHT
In charge

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY

To the Librarian:

The work in this department has had many interruptions and the printed catalog of books for this room which it was hoped to have ready for publication in the fall was suspended and will not be ready for the printer's hands until spring.

According to statistics which have been prepared by Miss Boone there have been added to the shelves of the local history room during the past year 466 volumes classed as follows:

State and town history	203
Family history	106
Parish registers	20
Heraldry	12
Miscellaneous	24
Pamphlets	101

Of the 101 unbound volumes designated as pamphlets, there has been no record made in the bi-monthly bulletins issued by the library, therefore a more particular account of them is given here.

While a pamphlet may seem, in a general sense of less account than a bound volume, it is often found, especially in genealogy or early town history, that it is the only information extant upon that particular family or town, and then a few thin pages loosely stitched together often without a cover and time-stained assume a value entirely out of proportion to their size or looks, and the price attached is the only outward indication of their rarity to the uninitiated.

The pamphlets are treated as books and are accessioned, stamped, classified and cataloged in this department, and placed in quarto cases holding from ten to twenty pamphlets according to size, which are placed upon shelves in the same order as the bound volumes, i. e., alphabetically by family or town. The outside of the case has the letter of the alphabet in family history and the name of state in town history with a Cutter number

covering the whole. This with an index slip on the inside showing the contents of the box, makes them readily accessible.

Books added during the year worthy of especial attention are the New Harlem Register by Henry P. Toler, Records of the Virginia Company of London issued by the Library of Congress, 30 volumes of the Third Series of Pennsylvania Archives, also, of local interest, the History of Syracuse and Onondaga County in two volumes by the Rev. W. M. Beauchamp S. T. D.

We find the Guide to Massachusetts Local History by C. A. Flagg, and the Heads of Families from the Census of 1790 in much demand, also Munsell's Sons Supplement of Index to Genealogies 1900-1908 which brings their older Index down to date.

Our own family and local history card index of the magazines, which is continued as the volumes are put upon the shelves, is another assistance worthy of acquaintance.

Acadiensis, a magazine devoted to Canadian local history, we note with regret ceases publication with the October issue. The Grafton Magazine, The New England Family History and the Massachusetts Magazine are new to us and the public. The Journal of American History, now in its third year, is a fine example of the printer's art.

The reference work of this department depends so entirely upon the needs of its patrons that it is very uneven; sometimes for a long period it will be used by individuals having very definite ideas of their wants and the methods of supplying them. In other cases a whole forenoon or perhaps a day will be consumed in a search after an obscure fact or name of a person buried far from index or title page. At these times the attention of the person in charge is fully occupied and leaves little time for routine work.

The two new stacks which were added in October were so quickly filled that it leads one to consider what our future is to be when the last available space has a volume in it.

MINNIE L. KELLOGG
In charge

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The Children's Room has been open 308 days. We have circulated 60,830 volumes, which is an increase of 25 per cent over last year. The largest daily circulation was 355 volumes on November 27. The largest monthly circulation was during March, 6,229 volumes. The average daily circulation was 198 volumes. The average weekly circulation was 1,170 volumes. The average monthly circulation was 5,069 volumes. The increase in the miscellaneous books was very noticeable this year especially the books of mythology, handicraft and history.

There have been registered 1,430 children during the year. This is 115 more than last year.

A room in the basement has been provided for the Story Hour. This room is much larger than the old one, with ample light and ventilation. It has been attractively furnished and has a large fireplace. The day for telling the stories has been changed to Saturday morning in order that the children living some distance away can come more easily.

A beautiful cast of a section of the Della Robbia singing boys has been purchased with the fines money, also a branch candlestick, a number of Japanese prints and many flowers.

Bulletins of special days and other events occurring during the year have been posted on the bulletin board.

The entire work of the children's books is done in the Children's Room with the exception of the accessioning.

The statistics of the work is given in Appendix No. 8.

EMILY K. MUNDY

In charge

PERIODICAL, ACCESSION AND ORDER DEPARTMENTS

To the Librarian:

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The work of this department grows more and more interesting and the increased patronage of the Reading Room has been a matter of great satisfaction. Statistics of attendance are not necessarily an index of its usefulness, but it is most encouraging to note that more people are using this department for study and asking for information and reading lists on special subjects. The reference work in this department cannot be reduced to figures and the number of lists made for clubs and individuals is only a small part of the work. We wish to emphasize this branch of the work and further develop the usefulness of the Reading Room.

Bulletins and reading lists on various subjects have increased the interest in the Reading Room. Also a picture collection has been started. These pictures, which have been collected from advertising literature, old newspapers and magazines, are gradually being classified and arranged, and it is expected that they will prove to be useful, not only to the library, but to teachers, to newspapers and to individuals who wish to borrow them.

This department regularly received 309 periodicals and newspapers during the year, 69 of which were gifts. Of this number many are in constant use, some of the readers knowing the exact date on which their favorite periodicals are due.

It has not been found practicable to keep an accurate count of the number of visitors in the Reading Room. A record based on the number of persons in the room at the close of each hour for the last five months shows that the average daily attendance was 246 and the average monthly attendance was 7,000.

ACCESSION AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

All books, except fiction and juvenile, are collated before accessioning, in order that no imperfect or incomplete copies may be received. There have been 6,200 books added during the year

making our total accessions 82,959. They were acquired as follows: 5,522 by purchase, 266 by binding, and 412 by gift. They were distributed as follows: Juvenile, 1,172; reference, 834; North Side Branch, 386; traveling library books, 243; local history, 380, and circulating department, 3,185. There were 130 volumes added to the hygienic department and paid for out of the medical fund.

MARY ESTELLE TODD
In charge

APPENDIX NO. 1

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS ON FILE IN THE PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

List of Abbreviations: (d) daily; (f) fortnightly; (m) monthly; (q) quarterly; (w) weekly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (irreg) irregular; (*) gift

Albany Evening Journal (d)
*Ambition (m)
American Anthropologist (q)
American Antiquarian (bi-m)
American Architect (w)
American Catholic Hist. Researches (q)
American Catholic Hist. Society Records (q)
American Catholic Quarterly Review
American Educational Review (m)
American Health (bi-m)
American Historical Review (q)
American Journal of Archæology (q)
American Journal of Psychology (q)
American Journal of Science (m)
American Journal of Sociology (bi-m)
American Journal of Theology (q)
American Library Association Bulletin (bi-m)
American Machinist (w)
American Magazine (m)
American Monthly Magazine
American Museum Journal (m)
American Naturalist (m)
*American Republics (m)
American Statistical Association (q)
Annales d'Hygiene Publique (m)
Annals of the American Academy (q)
*Appeal to Reason (w)
Architectural Record (m)
Architectural Review, Lond. (m)
Arena (m)
Army and Navy Journal (w)
Asiatic Quarterly Review
Asiatic Society of Japan (q)
Association Review (bi-m)
Athenaeum (w)
Atlantic (m)
Auk (q)
Badminton Magazine (m)
Baltimore Sun (d)
Biblical World (m)
Bibliotheca Sacra (q)
*Billboard (w)
Binghamton Press (d)
Biological Bulletin (m)
Bird Lore (bi-m)
Blackwood's Magazine (m)
*Board of Trade Journal, Scranton (m)

*Board of Trade Journal, Wilkes-Barre (m)
*Book Buyer (m)
Book Review Digest (m)
Bookman (m)
Bookseller (m)
Boston Evening Transcript (d)
Botanical Gazette (m)
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial (d)
Bulletin of Bibliography (q)
*Bureau of Labor Bulletins
Cassier's Magazine (m)
*Cat Journal (m)
*Cat Review (m)
*Catholic Sun (w)
Catholic World (m)
Century Magazine (m)
*Century Path (w)
Charities (w)
Chautauquan (m)
Chicago Daily Tribune
Christian and Missionary Alliance (w)
Christian Art (m)
*Christian Science Journal (m)
*Christian Science Sentinel (w)
*Churchman (w)
Cincinnati Inquirer (d)
Cleveland Leader (d)
Collier's Weekly
*Colorado Graphic (w)
Columbia University Quarterly (q)
Concerning Municipal Ownership (m)
*Concrete (m)
*Congressional Record (d)
*Consular and Trade Reports (m)
Contemporary Review (m)
*Cook's American Traveller's Gazette (m)
Cornell Countryman (m)
Cornell Reading Course (m)
Cosmopolitan (m)
Country Life in America (m)
Craftsman (m)
Cumulative Book Index (m)
Current Literature (m)
Delineator (m)
Denver Republican (d)
Detroit Free Press (d)
Dial (f)
Edinburgh Review (q)
Editor (m)
Education (m)
Educational Gazette (m)
Educational Review (m)
Electrical World (w)
*Empire State (q)
Engineering Digest (m)
Engineering Magazine (m)
Engineering and Mining Journal (w)
Engineering News (w)
English Historical Review (q)
English Mechanic (w)
Eternal Progress (m)
Everybody's Magazine (m)
*Experiment Station Record (m)
*Exponent (m)
Far East (m)
*Farm Journal (m)
Fern Bulletin (q)
Fliegende Blätter (w)
Forest and Stream (w)
Fortnightly Review (m)
Forum (q)
Garden Magazine (m)
*(La) Gazetta (w)
Good Government (m)
Good Health (m)
Good Housekeeping (m)
*Gospel Messenger (m)
*Government Publications (m)
*Gregg Writer (m)
Harper's Bazar (m)
Harper's Magazine (m)
Harper's Weekly
Harvard Graduate's Magazine (q)
*Helper (w)
*Herald of the Cross (m)
Hibbert Journal (q)
Home Herald (w)
Home Nature Study (q)
House Beautiful (m)
*Household Journal (m)
*Human Life (m)
Illustrated London News (w)
L'Illustration (w)
L'Illustrazione Italiana (w)
Illustrirte Zeitung (w)
Independent (w)
Index Medicus (m)
Indian's Friend (m)
International Journal of Ethics (q)
International Socialist Review (m)
International Studio (m)
Iron Age (w)
Journal of American Folklore (q)
Journal of Chemical Industry (f)
Journal of the Franklin Institute (m)
Journal of Geology (bi-m)

Journal of Political Economy (m)
Journal of Royal Sanitary Institute (m)
Journal of Royal Statistical Society (q)
Keith's Magazine (m)
Keramic Studio (m)
Kindergarten Magazine (m)
Ladies' Home Journal (m)
Leslie's Weekly
Library Index to Periodicals (m)
Library Journal (m)
Library Work (irreg)
Life (w)
Literary Digest (w)
Living Age (w)
London Times (w)
*Louisiana Planter (w)
*Lutheran (w)
McClure's Magazine (m)
*Machinist's Monthly Magazine
Magazine of History (m)
*Mantle, Tile and Grate (m)
Manual Training Magazine (bi-m)
Masters in Art (m)
Metal Industry (m)
Missionary Review (m)
*Missionary Tidings (m)
Model Engineer and Electrician (m)
*Modern Sanitation (m)
Monist (q)
*Monthly Weather Review
*Mother Earth (m)
Municipal Engineering (m)
Municipal Journal (w)
Munsey (m)
*Museum News (m)
*Museum of Fine Arts Bulletin (bi-m)
Musical Courier (w)
Musical Times (m)
Nation (w)
National Geographic Magazine (m)
National Prohibitionist (w)
Nature Study Review (m)
New England Magazine (m)
New York Evening Post (d)
*New York Experiment Stations Bulletins (m)
New York Herald (d)
New York Libraries (q)
New York Suffrage Newsletter (m)
New York Sun (d)
New York Times (d)
New York Times Book Review (w)
New York Tribune (d)
New York Tribune Sunday Magazine (w)
Nineteenth Century (m)
North American Review (m)
*Northern Christian Advocate (w)
Notes and Queries (w)
Numismatist (m)
Open Court (m)
Outing (m)
Outlook (w)
Overland Monthly
*Pacific Northwest (m)
Palestine Exploration Fund (q)
Palette and Bench (m)
Pandex (w)
Park and Cemetery (m)
Pedagogical Seminary (q)
Philadelphia Press (d)
Philosophical Review (bi-m)
Photographic Times (m)
Photo-Miniature (m)
Physical Review (m)
*Pitman's Journal (m)
Pittsburg Dispatch (d)
Poet Lore (q)
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Mechanics (m)
Popular Science Monthly
Power (m)
*Psychological Bulletin (m)
Psychological Review (bi-m)
Public Health (m)
Public Libraries (m)
Publisher's Weekly
Punch (w)
Putnam's Monthly
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Quarterly Review
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (m)
Records of the Past (m)
Recreation (m)
*Religious Education (bi-m)
Resveglio Coloniale (w)
Review of Reviews (m)
Revue des Deux Mondes (f)
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (d)
Rochester Post-Express (d)
*Rocky Mountain News (d)
St. Louis Globe-Democrat (d)
Saturday Evening Post (w)
School Review (m)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)

Scientific American Supplement (w)
Scribner's Magazine (m)
Seattle Weekly Times
*Skaneateles Democrat (w)
*Solvay Mutual Benefit Society (m)
*Southern Farm Gazette (f)
Southern Workman (m)
*Spare Moments (m)
Spectator (w)
*Spirit of Missions (m)
Springfield Republican (d)
Suburban Life (m)
Success (w)
*Sunflower (w)
*Sunset (m)
Syracuse Daily Orange
Syracuse Evening Herald (d)
Syracuse Evening Journal (d)
Syracuse Post-Standard (d)
*Syracuse Union (w)
System (m)
*Telegraph Age (f)
*Temple Artisan (m)
Theatre Magazine (m)
*Theosophical Quarterly
*Theosophist (m)
Toronto Globe (d)
Torrey Botanical Club Bulletins (m)
Tropical America (m)
*L'Unione (w)
*Universalist Leader (w)
Utica Observer (d)
*War Cry (w)
Washington Post (d)
*Waterproofing and Fireproofing (m)
*Weather Bureau Reports (m)
*Weekly People
Westminster Review (m)
*Wilshire's Magazine (m)
*Woman's Journal (w)
Woodcraft (m)
World Today (m)
World's Work (m)
Writer (m)
Yale Review (q)
Zeitschrift fur Hygiene (bi-m)
Zeitschrift fur Schulgesundheits Pflege (m)
*Zion's Watch Tower (f)

APPENDIX NO. 2

SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

List of abbreviations: (m) monthly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (q) quarterly; (y) yearly; (o) occasional; (w) weekly; (d) daily; (*) gift

American Historical Magazine
Ancestor (q)
Book Notes (w)
Bostonian Society Coll. (o)
Buffalo Hist. Soc. (o)
*California Hist. Genealogical Soc. (o)
Canadian Archives (o)
Cayuga Hist. Soc. (o)
*Chicago Hist. Soc. (y)
Concord Antiq. Soc. (o)
Connecticut Hist. Soc. (o)
Connecticut Magazine (q)
Cornwall Parish Register Soc. (o)
Dedham Hist. Register (q)
Deutsche Historische Gesellsohaft
Essex Antiquarian (q)
Essex Inst. Hist. Coll. (o)
Genealogical Exchange
Genealogical Soc. of Penn. (o)
Genealogical Magazine (Boston) (m)
Genealogical Soc. of America Bul.
*Georgia Hist. Society (y)
Gloucestershire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)
Grafton Magazine (q)
Hampshire Parish Register Soc. (o)
Harleian Society Registers (m)
*Hist. and Philosoph. Soc. of Ohio (y)
Huguenot Society of America (o)
Journal of Amer. History (q)
Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society
LowerNorfolk Co. Va. Antiquary (o)
London Parish Reg. Society (o)
Lundy's Lane Hist. Society (o)
Maine Hist. Society (o)
Massachusetts Magazine (q)
Mayflower Descendant (q)
Medford Hist. Register (q)
*Newburgh Bay and the Highlands Hist. Society (o)
New Eng. Hist. and Geneal. Register (q)
New Eng. Family Hist. Mag. (q)
New Eng. Soc. of Brooklyn (o)
New Eng. Soc. in the City of N. Y. (o)
New Hampshire Geneal. Record (q)
*New Haven Colony Hist. Soc. (y)
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (q)
New York Hist. Society (o)
Norfolk Parish Register Soc. (o)
Nottingham Parish Register Soc. (o)
Old Colony Hist. Soc. (o)
Oneida Hist. Soc. (o)
*Onondaga Co. Hist. Soc. (o)
Old Northwest Geneal. Quarterly (q)
Olde Ulster
*Parish Outlook
Pedigree Register (q)
Pennsylvania-German Society (o)
Pennsylvania Magazine (q)
Phillimore Parish Register Soc. (o)
*Pilot Knob Memorial Assoc.
Rochester Hist. Society (o)
Scottish Record Society (o)
Shropshire Parish Register Soc. (o)
Somerset Parish Register Soc. (o)
Southern History Assoc. Pub. (bi-m)
So. Car. Hist. and Geneal. Mag. (q)
Spirit of '76 (m)
State Hist. Soc. of Wisconsin (o)
Surtees Society (o)
Thoresby Society Pub. (o)
*Vineland Hist. and Antiq. Soc. (y)
Virginia Magazine (q)
West Va. University Pub. (o)
Wm. and Mary College Quarterly (q)
Worcestershire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)
Yearbook of Probates (q)
Yorkshire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)



YOUNG FOLK'S READING ROOM

APPENDIX NO. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE JUVENILE READING ROOM

American Boy (m)
Collier's (w)
Outing (m)
St. Nicholas (m)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Youth's Companion (w)

APPENDIX NO. 4

PERIODICALS IN THE REFERENCE ROOM

Outlook (m)
Portfolio
Patent Office Reports (w)
University of California Bulletins (q)

APPENDIX NO. 5

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR

George Barrow	1
Boston Transit Commission	1
Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences	1
Bureau of Railway News	1
Canada Department of Agriculture	1
Andrew Carnegie	1
Carnegie Institute	1
Mrs. Henry Chase	10
Christian Science Church	6
City of Boston	1
City of Chicago	1
City of Liverpool	2
City of Los Angeles	2
City of Syracuse	1
Colonial Dames of America	5
Cornell Agricultural College	1
George Crittenden	1
T. A. Emmet	2
E. S. Gaylord	2
Dr. Ernst Held	3
Uriah Hill	1
N. T. Hoar	1

G. R. Howe	1
Miss Josephine Howe	11
J. W. Hull	1
The Rev. J. B. Knappenberger	1
Mrs. S. B. Larned	12
A. E. McClaine	1
Mrs. Marshall	1
Cassidy J. Mason	1
Metropolitan Park Commission	1
Dr. W. H. Mills	4
B. C. and G. Montgomery	1
T. H. Murray	1
National Prison Association	1
The Rev. Dr. Neeff	1
Onondaga County Board of Supervisors	1
L. Oppenheim	2
J. B. Peaslee	1
G. L. Raymond	3
Dr. F. C. Robinson	1
Sampson and Murdoch	99
E. E. Schwarzkopf	1
Snead Company	1
J. William Smith	447
State of Connecticut	2
State of Indiana	3
State of Massachusetts	1
State of Michigan	2
State of New Jersey	1
State of New York	74
State of Pennsylvania	10
State of Wisconsin	1
F. P. Stearns	4
R. H. Stevens	2
Syracuse College of Medicine	7
Syracuse Herald	2
Frank J. Thompson	2
George Timmins	14
United States Government	53
Dr. Ely Van de Warker	3
Hon. Horace A. White	35
C. Wilson	1
The Rev. W. DeL. Wilson	1
E. M. Wright	1
Total	859

APPENDIX NO. 6

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
January	14,729	12,807	14,399	16,633	22,294
February	14,937	12,278	12,981	15,627	23,400
March	16,472	5,464	16,074	17,582	25,138
April	14,239	13,547	12,587	16,718	22,307
May	11,548	12,979	12,138	15,381	20,394
June	11,161	11,249	11,570	13,359	19,109
July	10,423	7,694	10,654	12,475	16,647
August	10,468	7,248	10,915	12,638	16,678
September	10,562	9,397	11,983	12,497	17,110
October	12,852	12,134	15,761	18,731	23,081
November	13,653	13,174	16,510	21,640	23,391
December	12,707	12,540	14,650	20,003	23,245
	153,751	130,511	160,222	193,284	252,794

NOTE—The Library was closed for 23 days in 1905

APPENDIX NO. 7

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896–1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897–1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,631	145,313
1898–1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899–1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,397	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,138	3,000	5,413	138,630	167,902
1900–1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,333	5,633	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901–1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,038	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,298	106,292	132,990
1902–1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,532	5,308	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956
1903–1904	144	1,845	1,453	3,042	183	3,117	2,221	2,499	5,249	3,871	3,711	5,347	125,641	158,323
1904–1905	95	1,736	1,283	2,635	167	2,946	2,321	2,530	4,897	3,696	3,501	4,499	107,436	137,741
1906	90	1,734	1,411	3,847	125	3,762	2,811	2,728	6,120	4,471	5,282	4,896	122,945	160,222
1907	54	1,917	1,922	4,807	99	3,947	3,580	3,313	7,556	5,760	5,371	5,461	149,497	193,284
1908	47	2,898	2,621	7,061	215	5,214	5,332	4,676	9,260	7,315	6,690	7,865	193,600	252,794

APPENDIX NO. 8

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

	Fiction	General Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Total	Station 1	Station 2
1906	31941		50	56	1402		1106	189	371	615	1727	1313	1796	40566	1202	1186
1907	38202	2	70	66	1864	2	1084	200	494	896	2069	1420	2119	48488	1583	1358
1908	46270	1	76	127	2781		1330	220	1154	1139	2384	1652	3696	60830	2590	

Traveling Libraries 1,342 vols. circulated
Fines $183.80
Expenses $151.49
On hand $32.31
Books added 1,172
Books withdrawn 723

APPENDIX NO. 9

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Days Open	Average Daily Circulation	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Volumes in Library	Money Expended
1870	187	130	24,310	2,659	10,000	$ 4,671.92
1871	308	129	39,694	664	10,592	
1872	304	128	38,956		11,423	3,778.41
1873	267	135	36,010	1,148	12,423	3,634.75
1874	264	137	36,272	1,006	13,300	4,086.36
1875	301	138	41,623	491	13,791	3,162.75
1876	308	133	41,057	501	14,070	3,240.50
1877	307	153	47,218	602	14,442	3,566.30
1878	198	175	35,616	633	14,829	3,308.95
1879	307	165	47,760	376	13,344	1,773.05
1880	294	138	40,525	105	13,423	2,079.77
1881	275	137	36,878	434	13,692	2,653.51
1882	305	130	39,785	995	14,603	2,738.32
1883	307	123	37,906	917	15,494	3,126.87
1884	307	114	34,926	1,993	15,899	4,000.16
1885	307	135	41,443	318	17,107	3,100.71
1886	306	146	44,686	761	17,182	3,107.09
1887	308	129	39,823	745	18,062	3,058.31
1888	308	131	40,542	790	18,687	5,487.16
1889	308	143	43,416	2,336	20,518	5,298.65
1890	306	145	44,303	1,466	21,541	3,500.00
1891	306	145	44,238	1,074	22,274	3,850.00
1892	307	134	41,403	861	23,023	3,700.00
1893	306	108	33,149	866	23,608	4,948.00
1894	306	165	50,659	2,296	25,600	15,077.48
*1895	177	252	44,585	1,993	27,253	11,724.89
1896	307	209	91,793	3,892	31,145	11,229.75
1897	307	307	121,571	4,039	34,231	15,738.93
1898	305	477	145,313	4,573	38,804	25,363.50
1899	305	477	145,492	3,840	42,644	23,818.45
1900	305	557	167,902	6,350	48,014	25,911.19
1901	293	592	173,468	5,227	52,855	30,976.24
*1902	262	507	132,990	5,339	56,910	31,368.78
1903	305	501	152,956	5,150	61,097	30,100.00
1904	305	520	158,323	3,613	64,710	45,781.63
*1905	285	483	137,742	2,218	66,928	39,768.18
1906	304	527	160,221	4,604	71,532	38,487.50
1907	305	633	193,284	6,206	77,738	35,200.00
1908	308	814	252,794	6,200	83,938	38,200.00

*The Library was not open for the full year.

APPENDIX NO. 10

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1908

RECEIPTS

From the City	$38,000 00
From the State	200 00
	$38,200 00

EXPENDITURES

Books	$ 8,344 61	
Serials	1,375 72	
Binding	1,918 85	
Repairs	915 35	
Supplies	1,662 26	
Heat	1,310 44	
Light	2,452 24	
North Side Branch	1,334 00	
Stations	302 46	
Incidentals	2,058 90	
Wages	16,525 17	
		$38,200 00

APPENDIX NO. 11

REPORT OF CASH AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR 1908

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 6 82	
Fines	383 28	
43 subscribers	52 40	
Books lost	1 10	
		$443 60

EXPENDITURES

Express	$101 47	
Postage	79 60	
Supplies	249 74	
In hand December 31	12 79	
		$443 60

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OF THE

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1909



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TO THE PUBLIC

The Library is open every day in the year excepting legal holidays and Sundays in Summer. The hours are from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. on week-days.

From June 15th to September 15th the Library is closed on Sundays. On other Sundays of the year it is open for the use of its reading rooms and reference library from 2 to 6 p. m.

The use of books, papers and magazines in the reading rooms and reference library is free and the public has access at all times to the shelves of the circulating department.

Anyone who is over ten years old, lives in the city and is recommended by a reputable citizen may take books from the circulating department without cost. A large room is devoted to the use of the children with a full equipment of books for their special benefit. Any non-resident of the city is welcome to the use of the library for reference purposes. He may have the privileges of the circulation department upon payment of $2 a year. Persons employed regularly in the city and non-resident students in the schools of the city may take out books without cost. The latest books of fiction must be returned after a week's use. Other circulation books may be kept out for two weeks.

A suitable library of dictionaries and cyclopedias and bound sets of the important magazines, both English and American, is to be found in the reference room, with periodical indexes by the use of which readers may know where to find any article of importance which has been published in these magazines.

In the department devoted to local history and genealogy are collected a large number of works on these subjects. Nearly 6,000 volumes of history of states, counties and localities in this country and abroad, about 70 journals devoted to history and genealogy, year books of hereditary and patriotic societies and more than three thousand volumes of family history are at the disposal of those who wish to consult them in this room.

Here, as in all other departments of the Library, persons seeking information are invited to make their wants known.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1909

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:—

The steps by which the use of this institution grows are irregular. Immediately after the Carnegie building came into use the circulation of books showed a falling off, partly due, perhaps to a feeling of strangeness on the part of some of our patrons in the new surroundings. The public however has since shown a growing appreciation of the circulating department of the Library. The circulation of books increased 20 per cent in 1907 and 30 per cent in 1908. The figures for the circulation of last year, as printed in another place in this report, show an increase of two per cent over 1908. It is not easy to account for this irregularity, although the resumption of industrial activity during the past year naturally leaves a smaller aggregate of leisure among library patrons. The growth of commercial circulating libraries is to some degree accountable.

It is not the policy of the Library to promote the circulation of books at the expense of the other features of the work of education through free reading matter; and the estimate of the number of persons using the reading rooms and reference collections of the library must be considered in any estimate of how the library is discharging its functions. An estimate of the attendance in the periodical room gives a total of about 78,000 for the year. Twenty-four thousand is the corresponding figure for the reference room. The children's room has been largely patronized, and the total attendance for the year in this room has been not less than 46,000.

These totals, together with the use of the Local History Room and the North Side Branch for reading on the permises, indicate an attendance of at least 151,000 which is the patronage of the Library for reference and reading room purposes alone. The circulation for the year was 258,000, and these two totals furnish a pretty accurate estimate of the value of the library to the community.

The circulation of books is an item that is generally given superior weight in estimates of a library's usefulness. The growth of circulation is always significant. The Elmwood Station of this library shows a growth in circulation of 46 per cent over the previous year. Improved and enlarged quarters and energetic management account in part for this, but the rapid upbuilding of the section of the city in which Elmwood station is located unquestionably has much to do with it. The West End Station shows a gain of 21 per cent, the North Side Branch a gain of 4 per cent. The increase in the circulation at the two stations in the more remote and rapidly growing sections of the city, as compared with the relatively stable conditions at Montgomery street and the North Side Branch, suggests in general the advantage of bringing the books to the people instead of expecting people to come where the books are. In particular it seems to indorse the recommendation, repeatedly made, that the North Side Branch, to do its best work must be removed further from the main library, and be more adequately maintained by the city.

Consideration of this subject involves the future policy of the Library with regard to extension. Library extension, including the establishment of new branches and stations in the outlying sections of this growing city and the suitable improvement of branches and stations already established, means the expenditure of considerable sums of money and such sums unless specially appropriated for the purpose would be spent at the expense of the main library and hinder its progress.

It will not be wise to establish increased circulation, chiefly of books of fiction, at branches and stations if doing so means checking the development of the Library as a library of refer-

ence. When the time comes for the appropriation of money for broadening the field of the Library's work the needs of citizens who live too far from the main Library building to have convenient access to it will demand consideration. Until then the Librarian recommends a continuation of the conservative policy which the trustees have hitherto followed with regard to branches and stations; and doubts whether the time has come for the city to adopt a thoroughgoing policy of library extension.

The experiment of arousing new interest in the Library through the advertising columns of the newspapers will be undertaken during the coming year. There will also be established on a moderate scale a circulation of magazines among patrons of the circulating library. The policy of encouraging the public to feel a proprietary interest in the Library and to make the fullest possible use of it, will, it is hoped, be furthered by the use of recommendation cards upon which anyone may write above his signature the title of any book or periodical which he deems suitable for the Library but fails to find here. These cards will be furnished by any of the Library staff, and recommendations so made will have the Librarian's serious attention.

During the year a bronze bust of Andrew Carnegie, the donor of the present building, has been purchased by the Library, and set up in the entrance hall. It is a replica of the one made for Mr. Carnegie by the sculptor J. Massey Rhind.

Thanks are due to the members of the Board of Trustees for their generosity and aid to the staff and their constant attention to the needs of the Library.

For accounts of what has been done in the different departments of the Library I refer you to the separate reports of the heads of departments which follow, and I desire again to express my gratitude to the members of the staff for their loyal and efficient co-operation.

The reports of the heads of the departments follow.

Respectfully

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY
Librarian

CIRCULATION

To the Librarian:

The following is a report of the work for the year ending December 31, 1909:

The Circulating Department of the Library has been open 305 days. The number of books given out was 258,111 volumes, a daily average of 846 volumes. This is an increase since last year of two per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 4,963 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 21,509 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1,729 volumes on February 13th. The largest monthly circulation was 26,362 volumes in March. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

A collection of French and Italian books has been started and has been placed in a separate case. There are ninety-one books in the collection and more will be added.

The West End Station is still in charge of Mrs. Shoudy and has circulated 6,322 volumes. The Elmwood Station has circulated 3,525 volumes.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Syracuse Home Association and to the schools that have asked for them. They have circulated 1,060 volumes.

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON
In Charge

PERIODICAL, ACCESSION AND ORDER DEPARTMENT

PERIODICALS

To the Librarian:

During the year 344 magazines and newspapers have been regularly received in the periodical reading room. A complete list of them will be found in Appendix No. 1. Eighty-six of them are gifts. A gain of 35 over last year is noted.

All magazines received have been examined to guard against the filing of imperfect copies and for the purpose of preparing subject lists for the use of library patrons.

The magazine indexes are becoming yearly more comprehensive and periodical literature, newspapers excepted, correspondingly more accessible.

The work of preparing magazines for binding, and collating them, when bound, is carried on in this department. About 150 magazines, (usually two volumes each), are bound each year and turned over to the Reference Department. All other magazines of any permanent value are filed away for future use, while those of no particular value are preserved for a year. One New York and one Boston daily are on file for a year and other newspapers three months, with the exception of the local papers, which are bound and form a complete record.

Monthly lists of magazine articles were posted throughout the year. The special reading lists and bulletins on various subjects, illustrating the topics of the day stimulated interest in the magazines.

Thirty-four more complete reading lists were made upon request of patrons. Special collections of vacation literature, spring and fall garden catalogues, and holiday book catalogues proved to be interesting and useful to readers.

The newspapers and magazines are kept on open files and racks to which the readers have direct access, and it is impossible to give any estimate of the use made of them. Many are in contant use, readers being obliged to wait their turn.

A record of the attendance based on the number of readers in the room at the close of each hour shows that the average daily attendance was 261, and the average monthly attendance was 6,508. The smallest daily attendance was 106 on August 18th, and the largest daily attendance was 399 on November 26th.

ACCESSIONS AND ORDERS

Six thousand four hundred and forty books have been added to the library during the fiscal year, an increase of 240 over 1908, making our total accessions 89,400 and the net strength of the library approximately 82,503.

The accessions were as follows: 320 by binding, 365 by gift, and 5,755 by purchase.

They were distributed as follows

Circulating Department	3,639
Juvenile Department	868
Reference Department	1,224
Local History Department	299
North Side Branch	308
Traveling Libraries	102

Eighty-one volumes were added to the Hygienic Department and paid for out of the Medical fund. Fifty-one French and 40 Italian books were also added to the library.

MARY ESTELLE TODD

LOCAL HISTORY

To the Librarian:

There have been added to the shelves of the Local History Department for the year 1909, 407 volumes of which 206 were classed as genealogy and 101 as local history. Sixty-four of these were unbound and arranged in the pamphlet cases, 30 pamphlets of genealogy and 34 as local history. Of the other pamphlets there has been no record.

Of the magazines filed in this room 29 were bound. Of these the Connecticut magazine ceased publication with December, 1908, and the Essex Antiquarian with October, 1909. We have the files of the genealogical issue of the Hartford Daily Times and the Boston Evening Transcript, the latter the gift of Mr. S. B. Gifford.

The study of genealogy in this vicinity has been helped by various lists of inscriptions in the burying grounds of the towns near Syracuse, many made by the Rev. Dr. Beauchamp, who has canvassed the waysides and fields for the records of Revolutionary soldiers whose graves are in Onondaga County. If others would imitate his example, we would gladly make a typewritten copy to place on file at the library.

An index of the colored coats of arms is being made and will be arranged alphabetically by families on catalogue cards. As the study of heraldry has increased among the patrons, it is noticed that many persons are interested in attaching armorial bearings to names of the founders and planters of America.

MINNIE L. KELLOGG
In charge

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

The Reference room has been open 305 days, not including Sundays. The average attendance, (kept only approximately), has been—for week-days, 79—for Sundays, 37.

The book additions have been 1,671, of which 92 were continuations of sets already begun, 154 were United States government and State documents and 344 were bound periodicals. A catalogue of the 447 volumes of early-printed books of the special collection stored in the trustees' room is now in the hands of the printer. Of the many pamphlets, collections of newspaper clippings, college reports and bulletins no accurate count has been made.

An interesting and significant fact in connection with the additions of 1909 is that, whereas for some years the leading group numerically was that of the fine arts, 1909 saw the sociology and literature classes in the lead, each numbering 122, with 82 in the fine arts section.

Our gifts have numbered 29, our losses 9 and we have in all —besides the special collections and uncounted pamphlets mentioned above—14,376 books upon our shelves.

ADA WRIGHT
In charge

DONORS AND GIFTS

(REFERENCE ROOM)

Atlas Portland Cement Company—Concrete Construction on Home and Farm

F. W. Betts—Rapin's Works, 2 v.

H. H. Denham—American Chemical Society Journal, 1900-1904

H. H. Denham—American Chemical Society Proceedings, 1902-1904.

Dickinson College—Alumni Record, 1905

F. W. Hammond—Murlin's Red Book, 1909
Mrs. F. H. Hiscock—London City
Mrs. F. H. Hiscock—Abbotsford
Mrs. F. H. Hiscock—Greely Relief Expedition
Mrs. F. H. Hiscock—Proctor's Half-Hours with the Stars
Mrs. F. H. Hiscock—Ornamental Arts of Japan, 4 v.
H. S. Holden—Legislative Manual, 1905, '07, '08, '09
H. S. Holden—Grapes of N. Y.
F. J. Stanton—Postage stamp catalogue, 1908
Miss Maud Stewart—Lincoln Centenary Bibliography
Towle Manufacturing Company—Colonial History

JUVENILE

To the Librarian:

The Children's Room has been open 305 days, and has circulated 59,908 volumes. In addition to this 5,991 juvenile books have been circulated from the North Side Branch, making a total of 65,899 for the library's juvenile circulation as compared with 66,577 for 1908.

The largest daily circulation was 372 volumes on November 26th. The largest monthly circulation was 6,183 volumes. The average daily circulation was 196 volumes. The average weekly circulation was 1,152 volumes. The average monthly circulation was 4,993 volumes.

A part of our reading room has been fenced off for a study corner and contains dictionaries, encyclopaedias, biographical dictionaries, a classical dictionary and many books of poetry, travel and history. There are also some finely illustrated books by Walter Crane, Kate Greenaway, Randolph Caldecott, Arthur Rackham and other illustrators, a complete set of the Nature Library, Every Child Should Know series, and The Children's Hour.

A set of the Landmark books arranged by Mr. Charles Welsh illustrating the progress in the making of children's books was purchased and placed in a case. The books are arranged to open on cards on which is printed the description and history of the book. There are six in number beginning with the Horn Book and ending with the first colored picture book. They are interesting to grown people as well as to the children.

Bulletins have been made for the special days during the year. On Lincoln's anniversary beside the bulletin, book marks were printed appropriate to the day. These were much in demand by the teachers as well as the children. The bulletins have been lent to various persons desiring them.

We have always had the rule that the grammar school chil-

dren can come only once a week. They can draw two books at a time, one story book and one miscellaneous book. While this necessarily limits the circulation, it seems the best plan, as it makes the children careful in selecting their books.

A new registration was started this fall. The number of children registered is already over 2,000.

The Story Hour has been changed to a weekly affair instead of once in two weeks. The attendance has varied from 60 to 130 children. The Story Hour began November 20th and lasts through to April 2nd. The last is printed below:

November 20—Story of Arethusa; Story of Persephone; Why the Evergreen Keeps Its Leaves
November 27—Hawthorne, Great Stone Face
December 4—Hawthorne, Snow Image
December 11—Little Hero of Harlem; Tabby's Tablecloth in Spinning Wheel Stories; Little Hero in Coure
December 18—Anderson, Little Fir Tree; Golden Cobwebs
January 8—Dicken's Cricket on the Hearth
January 15—Dicken's Stories
January 22—Shakespeare Fairy Tales
January 29—King Arthur Stories
February 5—Robin Hood Stories
February 19—Ruskin, King of the Golden River
February 26—Celtic and Scottish Ballads
March 5—Lohengrin, Siegfried
March 12—Faerie Queene Stories
March 19—Uncle Remus Stories
March 26—Riki-tiki-tavi
March 26—Grandmamma's Story in Spinning Wheel Stories
April 2—Sleeping Beauty
April 2—Arbutus Legend

A Story Teller's League has been started, which holds its meetings in the Story Room of the Children's Department. There are about 30 members. An interesting program was made out for the year. The meetings are held on the second

Tuesday of every month. A paper is read, followed by an informal discussion and one or more stories in connection with the topic are told. The last meeting will be "Guest Day." Local history will be discussed with a paper by the Rev. Dr. Beauchamp.

The statistics of the work in the Children's Room is given in Appendix No. 8.

EMILY K. MUNDY
In charge

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

This department has little new work to report for the year. The statistics give the numbers of new books accessioned, exclusive of those of the children's room, as 5,572. These have been classified, shelf-listed and catalogued. This number does not include the documents which come to use in pamphlet form and are not bound but consume more time in the cataloguing room than the same number of bound books.

The manuscript for the catalogue of the Smith collection is nearly ready for printing. In response to a request from Mr. A. G. S. Josephson of the Bibliographical Society of America, a list of the manuscripts and incunabula in this collection was sent to Mr. John Thomson of the Free Library of Philadelphia, who has in charge the compilation of a list of the incunabula in American libraries.

Cards have been added for many Early English Text Society publications, Smithsonian reports and Geological Survey reports,

In the document work many duplicate state publications have been sent to the State Library leaving much needed space in the stack.

Five numbers of the Bulletin have been printed as usual.

The work on the general catalogue which we had hoped to report complete this year has been interrupted by the illness of Miss Boone, who has been copying the old cards in the reference catalogue. We have gone on as usual making duplicates of the cards for the new reference books and have begun filing the duplicate cards for reference books shelved on the second floor of the stack, accessible only from the lower floor, in the main catalogue cabinet.

CAROLINE M. DAGGETT
In charge

THE NORTH SIDE BRANCH

To the Librarian:

The North Side Branch of the Public Library, at Ash and Townsend streets, has been open every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m., during the past year, having had a circulation of 18,064 books, 15,641 of which were fiction, 5,991 juvenile, and 2,680 German.

Some aid is given to the students of the North High School through our limited collection of reference books, and special attention is given to supplying the children of the grade schools with books from their supplementary reading lists.

The reading rooms, with the leading magazines, are a source of pleasure and instruction. Discipline in the juvenile reading room has been maintained of late without the aid of the police.

In June, 1909, a new enrollment was begun for the circulating library, and 1,002 names have been enrolled.

MARIE G. SCHAEFER
In charge

PAMPHLETS

The pamphlets of the Library are grouped under three heads. Public documents, including agricultural bulletins to the number of 7,274 are kept on the second floor of the stack to the rear of the loan desk. They are under the charge of the head cataloguer, and are being catalogued as reference books. The bulletins of the United States Department of Agriculture have a separate catalogue, cards being furnished by the department.

In the Local History Room 2,727 pamphlets of genealogy and local history are catalogued; and in the map room adjoining there is a collection of matter, bound and unbound pertaining to the local history of Syracuse.

In the Reference Room approximately 1,766 pamphlets of a general nature are arranged in pamphlet cases and properly catalogued. Some collections of newspaper cuttings and miscellaneous matter on special subjects of current interest are also to be found here.

APPENDIX NO. 1

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS ON FILE IN THE PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

List of Abbreviations: (d) daily; (f) fortnightly; (m) monthly; (q) quarterly; (w) weekly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (irreg) irregular; (*) gift

Albany Evening Journal (d)
*Ambition (m)
American Anthropologist (q)
American Antiquarian (bi-m)
American Architect (w)
American Cath. His. Researches (q)
American Catholic Hist. Society Records (q)
American Catholic Quarterly Review (q)
American City (m)
*American Contractor (m)
American Educational Review (m)
American Health (bi-m)
American Historical Review (q)
American Homes and Gardens (m)
American Jour. of Archæalogy (q)
American Jour. of Psychology (q)
American Journal of Science (m)
American Jour. of Sociology (bi-m)
American Journal of Theology (q)
American Library Association Bulletin (bi-m)
American Machinist (w)
American Magazine (m)
American Monthly Magazine (m)
American Museum Journal (m)
American Naturalist (m)
American Physical Education Review (m)
*American Republics (m)
American Statistical Associa. (q)
Annales d'Hygiene Publique (m)
Annals of the Amer. Academy (q)
*Appeal to Reason (w)
Architectural Record (m)
Architectural Review, London (m)
Arena (m) continued Christian Work
Army and Navy Journal (w)
Asiatic Quarterly Review (q)
Asiatic Society of Japan (q)
Association Review (bi-m)
Athenaeum (w)
Atlantic (m)
Auk (q)
Badminton Magazine (m)
Baltimore Sun (d)
*Barge Canal Bulletin (m)
*Beautiful Homes (m)
Biblical World (m)
Bibliotheca Sacra (q)
*Billboard (w)
Binghamton Press (d)
Biological Bulletin (m)
Bird Lore (bi-m)
Blackwood's Magazine (m)
*Board of Trade Journal, Scranton (m)
*Book Buyer (m)
Book Review Digest (m)
Bookman (m)
Bookseller (m)
Boston Evening Transcript (d)
Botanical Gazette (m)
Bradstreets (w)
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial (d)
Bulletin of Bibliography (q)
*Bureau of Labor Bulletins (bi-m)
Cassier's Magazine (m)
*Cat Journal (m)
*Cat Review (m)
*Catholic Sun (w)
Catholic World (w)
Century Magazine (m)
*Century Path (w)
Charities (w) changed to Survey
Chemical Abstracts (f)
Chicago Daily Tribune (d)
Christian and Missionary Alliance (w)
*Christian Century (w)
*Christian Men (m)
*Christian Science Journal (m)
*Christian Science Sentinel (w)
*Christian Standard (w)
*Christian Work (w)

*Churchman (w)
Cincinnati Inquirer (d)
Collier's Weekly (w)
Cleveland Leader (d)
*Colorado Graphic (w)
Columbia University Quarterly (q)
*Commerce and Finance (m)
Concerning Municipal Ownership (m)
*Concrete (m)
*Congressional Record (d)
*Consular and Trade Reports (m)
Contemporary Review (m)
*Cook's American Traveller's Gazette (m)
Cornell Countryman (m)
Cornell Reading Course (m)
Cosmopolitan (m)
Country Life in America (m)
Craftsman (m)
*Crop Reporter (m)
Cumulative Book Index (m)
Current Literature (m)
Delineator (m)
Denver Republican (d)
Detroit Press Press (d)
Dial (f)
Eclectic Library Catalogue (q)
Edinburgh Review (q)
Editor (m)
Education (m)
Educational Gazette (m)
Educational Review (m)
Electrical World (w)
*Empire State (q)
Engineering Digest (m)
Engineering Magazine (m)
Engineering and Mining Jour. (w)
Engineering News (w)
English Historical Review (q)
English Mechanic (w)
Everybody's Magazine (m)
*Experiment Station Record (m)
*Exponent (m)
*Farm Journal (m)
*Farmers' Bulletin (irreg)
Fern Bulletin (q)
Fliegende Blaetter (w)
Forest and Stream (w)
Fortnightly Review (m)
Forum (q)
Garden Magazine (m)
*La Gazzetta (w)
Good Health (m)
Good Housekeeping (m)
*Gospel Messenger (m)
*Government Publications (m)
*Gregg Writer (m)
Harper's Bazar (m)
Harvard Graduate's Magazine (q)
Harvard Theological Review (q)
Health Reports
*California (m)
*Indiana (m)
*Michigan (q)
*Nashville (m)
*New York City (w)
*New York State (m)
*Helper (w)
*Herald of the Cross (m)
Hibbert Journal (q)
*Home Nature Study (q)
Horseless Age (w)
House Beautiful (m)
*Household Journal (m)
Hygiene and Phys. Education (m)
*Illuminating Engineer (m)
Illustrated London News (w)
L'Illustration (w)
L'Illustrazione Italiana (w)
Illustrirte Zeitung (w)
Independent (w)
Index Medicus (m)
Indian's Friend (m)
Industrial Magazine (m)
*International Conciliation (m)
International Journal of Ethics (q)
International Socialist Review (m)
International Studio (m)
Iron Age (w)
Journal of Abnormal Psychology (bi-m)
Journal of American Chemical Society (m)
Journal of American Folklore (q)
Journal of American Society for Psychical Research (m)
Journal of Chemical Industry (f)
Journal of Economic Entomology (bi-m)
Journal of Franklin Institute (m)
Journal of Geology (bi-m)
Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry (m)
Journal of Political Economy (m)
Journal of Royal Statistical Institute (m)
Pournal of Royal Statistical Society (q)
Keith's Magazine (m)

Keramic Studio (m)
*Kindergarten Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Review (m)
Ladies' Home Journal (m)
Leslie's Weekly (w)
Library Index to Periodicals (m)
Library Journal (m)
Library Work (irreg)
Life (w)
Literary Digest (w)
Living Age (w)
*Living Church (w)
London Times (w)
*Louisiana Planter (w)
*Lowell Magazine (m)
*Lutheran (w)
McClure's Magazine (m)
*Machinist's Monthly Magazine (m)
Magazine of History (m)
*Mantle, Tile and Grate (m)
Manual Training Magazine (bi-m)
Masters in Art (m)
*Matilda Ziegler Magazine (m)
Metal Industry (m)
Mind (q)
Missionary Review (m)
*Missionary Tidings (m)
Model Engi. and Electrician (m)
*Modern Sanitation (m)
Monist (q)
*Monthly Weather Review (m)
*Moody Manual Service (m)
*Mother Earth (m)
Municipal Engineering (m)
Munsey (m)
*Museum News (m)
*Museum of Fine Arts Bulletin (bi-m)
Musical Courier (w)
Musical Times (m)
Mycologia (bi-m)
Nation (w)
National Geographic Magazine (m)
*National Prohibitionist (w)
Nature Study Review (m)
*Nautical Gazette (w)
New England Magazine (m)
New York Call (d)
New York Evening Post (d)
*New York Experiment Stations Bulletins (m)
New York Herald (d)
*New York Labor Bulletin (q)
New York Libraries (q)
New York Suffrage Newsletter (m)
New York Sun (d)
New York Times (d)
New York Times Book Review (w)
New York Tribune (d)
New York Tribune Sunday Magazine (w)
Nineteenth Cenutry (m)
North American Review (m)
*Northern Christian Advocate (w)
Notes and Queries (w)
Numismatist (m)
Open Court (m)
Outing (m)
Outlook (m)
Overland Monthly (m)
Palestine Exploration Fun (q)
Palette and Bench (m)
Pandex (w)
Park and Cemetery (m)
Pedagogical Seminary (q)
Philadelphia Press (d)
Philosophical Review (bi-m)
Photographic Times (m)
Photo-Miniature (m)
Physical Review (m)
*Pitman's Journal (m)
Pittsburg Dispatch (d)
Poet Lore (q)
Popular Mechanics (m)
Popular Science Monthly (m)
Power (m)
*Practical Engineer (m)
Progress (m)
Progressive Age (f)
*Psychological Bulletin (m)
Psychological Review (bi-m)
Public Health (m)
Public Libraries (m)
Publisher's Weekly (w)
Punch (w)
Putnam's Monthly (m)
Quarterly Journal of Economics (q)
Quarterly Review
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (m)
Records of the Past (m)
Recreation (m)
*Religious Education (bi-m)
Review of Reviews (m)
Revue des Deux Mondes (f)
Risveglio Coloniale (w)
Rochester Democrat and Chron. (d)
Rochester Post-Express (d)
*Rocky Mountain News (d)
St. Louis Globe-Democrat (d)

Saturday Evening Post (w)
School Arts Book (m)
School Review (m)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Scribner's Magazine (m)
Seattle Weekly Times
*Skaneateles Democrat (w)
Southern Workman (m)
*Spare Moments (m)
Spectator (w)
*Spirit of Missions (m)
Springfield Republican (d)
*Stuffed Club (m)
Suburban Life (m)
Success (w)
*Sunflower (w)
Survey (w)
Syracusan (m)
Syracuse Daily Orange (d)
Syracuse Evening Herald (d)
Syracuse Evening Journal (d)
Syracuse Post-Standard (d)
*Syracuse Union (w)
System (m)
Technical World Magazine (m)
*Telegraph Age (f)
Theatre Magazine (m)
*Theosophist (m)
Toronto Globe (d)
Torrey Botani. Club Bulletins (m)
Twentieth Century Magazine (m)
*Union Signal (w)
*United States Postal Guide (m)
*Universalist Leader (w)
University Chronicle (q)
Utica Observer (d)
Watch Tower (f)
Washington Post (d)
*Waterproof. and Fireproofing (m)
*Weekly People (w)
Westminster Review (m)
*Woman's Journal (w)
Woodcraft (m)
World Today (m)
World's Work (m)
Writer (m)
Yale Review (q)
Zeitschrift fur Schulgesundheitspflege (m)

APPENDIX NO. 2

SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

List of Abbreviations: (m) monthly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (q) quarterly; (y) yearly; (o) occasional; (w) weekly; (d) daily; (*) gift

Americana (m)
Book Notes (w)
Boston Transcript (bi-w)
Buffalo Hist. Soc. (o)
Bostonian Society Coll. (o)
Canadian Archives (o)
Connecticut Hist. Soc. (o)
Cornwall Parish Register Soc. (o)
Dedham Hist. Register (q)
Dublin Parish Register (o)
Essex Antiquarian (q)
Essex Inst. Hist. Coll. (o)
Genealogical Exchange (m)
Genealogical Soc. of Penn. (o)
Genealogical Soc. of America Bulletin (o)
Gloucestershire Par. Reg. Soc. (o)
Grafton Magazine (q)
Hampshire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)
Harleian Society Register (m)
Harleian Society Visitations
Hartford Times (bi-w)
*Hist. and Philosph. Soc. of Ohio (q)
Huguenot Soc. of America (o)
Journal of Amer. History (q)
Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society (q)
London Parish Reg. Society (o)
Maine Hist. Society (o)
Massachusetts Magazine (q)
Mayflower Descendant (q)
Medford Hist. Register (q)
Newburgh Bay and the Highlands Hist. Society (o)
New Eng. Hist. and Geneal. Register (q)
New Eng. Family History (q)
New Eng. Soc. of Brooklyn (o)
New Eng. Soc. in the City of New York (o)
New Hampshire Geneal. Rec. (q)
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (q)
New York Hist. Society (o)
Norfolk Parish Register Soc. (o)
Nottingham Parish Regis. Soc. (o)
Old Colony Hist. Soc. (o)
Oneida Hist. Society (o)
Old Northwest Geneal. Quart'ly (q)
Olde Ulster (m)
*Parish Outlook
Pedigree Register (q)
Pennsylvania-German Society (o)
Pennsylvania Magazine (q)
Phillimore Parish Register Society (o)
Rochester Hist. Society (o)
Scottish Record Society (o)
Somerset Parish Register Soc. (o)
Southern Hist. Assoc. Pub. (bi-m)
So. Car. Hist. and Geneal. Magazine (o)
State Hist. Soc. of Wisconsin (o)
Surtees Society (o)
Virginia County Records
Virginia Magazine (q)
West Vir. University Pub. (o)
Wm. and Mary College Quarterly
Worcestershire Parish Register Society (o)
Yorkshire Parish Reg. Soc. (o)

APPENDIX NO. 6

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
January	14,729	12,807	14,899	16,633	22,294	23,458
February	14,937	12,278	12,981	15,627	23,400	22,553
March	16,472	5,464	16,074	17,582	25,138	26,362
April	14,239	13,547	12,587	16,718	22,307	22,596
May	11,548	12,979	12,138	15,381	20,394	20,009
June	11,161	11,249	11,570	13,359	19,109	19,136
July	10,423	7,694	10,654	12,475	16,647	17,774
August	10,468	7,248	10,915	12,638	16,678	17,358
September	10,562	9,397	11,983	12,497	17,110	17,538
October	12,852	12,134	15,761	18,731	23,081	22,879
November	13,653	13,174	16,510	21,640	23,391	23,933
December	12,707	12,540	14,650	20,003	23,245	23,515
	153,751	130,511	160,222	193,284	252,794	258,111

NOTE.—The Library was closed for 23 days in 1905

Ingraham, C. A.	1
Johnson, R. A.	1
Ketcham, J. C.	1
Liverpool Medical Health Officer	1
Lloyd, W. H.	1
McCormick, James A.	1
Marshall, Mrs.	1
Mass. Historical Society	1
Michigan, State of	1
New Jersey Board of Health	1
New York City Board of Health	1
New York State	25
New York Tax Reform Assoc.	1
Onon. Co. Board of Supervisors	1
Page, E. J.	2
Raymond, G. Lansing	9
Richardson, R. M.	55
Rockwell, Mrs.	4
Sampson & Murdock	75
Smith, C. C.	1
Stanton, F. J.	1
Stanton, G. Smith	1
Stocking, Rev. C. H. W.	1
Swedenborg, Society	6
Syracuse Comptroller	1
Syracuse Herald	4
Theosophical Soc., Syracuse	1
Thursday Night Club	2
Towle Pub. Co.	1
U. S. Government	25
White, Hon. Horace	10
Williams, F. R.	3
Wisconsin Hist. Assoc.	1

APPENDIX NO. 8

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

	Fiction	General Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Total	Station 1	Station 2
1906	31941		50	56	1402		1106	189	371	615	1727	1313	1796	40566	1202	1186
1907	38202	2	70	66	1864	2	1084	200	494	896	2069	1420	2119	48488	1583	1358
1908	46270	1	76	127	2781		1330	220	1154	1139	2384	1652	3696	60830	2590	
1909	44728	1	75	103	2798	1	1673	527	1054	1355	2443	1636	3514	59908	2422	

Traveling Libraries 1,786 vols.

Money on hand January 1st, 1909..	$ 128.07
Dues during 1909.....	170.52
Interest	2.48
	$ 301.07
Money Spent 1909.....	277.90
In hand January 1st, 1910..	$ 23.17

Books added 868 vols.

Books withdrawn 793 vols.

APPENDIX NO. 9

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Year	Attendance Average Daily	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Withdrawn and Lost	In Library	Money Expended
	1855			200			$
	1857			471		5,154	
	1861		25,000	400			
	1870	130	24,310	2,659		10,000	4,671.92
	1875	138	41,623	491		13,791	3,162.75
	1880	138	40,525	105		13,423	2,079.77
	1885	135	41,443	318		17,107	3,100.71
	1890	145	44,303	1,466		21,541	3,500.00
(a)	1895	252	44,585	1,993		27,253	11,724.89
	1900	557	167,902	6,350	1,200	48,014	25,911.19
	1901	592	173,468	5,227	1,149	52,855	30,976.24
(b)	1902	507	132,990	5,339	1,281	56,910	31,368.78
	1903	501	152,956	5,150	1,145	61,097	30,100.00
	1904	520	158,323	3,613	1,005	63,705	45,781.63
(c)	1905	483	137,742	2,218	1,521	64,402	39,768.18
	1906	527	160,221	4,604	1,087	67,919	38,487.50
	1907	633	193,284	6,206	1,309	72,816	35,200.00
	1908	814	252,794	6,200	1,559	77,457	38,200.00
	1909	846	258,141	6,640	1,594	82,503	39,200.00

(a) The Library was moved from the High School in West Genesee street to the corner of Montgomery and Jefferson streets, the old Putnam School building

(b) The Library took up temporary quarters in Grape street and in the University Building

(c) The Library was moved into the Carnegie Building

APPENDIX NO. 10

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

From the City		$ 39,000 00
From the State		200 00
		$ 39,200 00

EXPENDITURES

Books	$ 9,871 38	
Serials	1,275 93	
Binding	2,408 25	
Repairs	510 73	
Supplies	1,191 16	
Heat	1,335 99	
Light	1,813 47	
North Side Branch	1,333 68	
Stations	308 71	
Printing	489 75	
Incidentals	624 70	
Wages	16,892 07	
Permanent Improvements	1,144 18	
		$ 39,200 00

APPENDIX NO. 11

REPORT OF CASH AT THE CIRCULATION DESK FOR 1909

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 12 79	
Fines	594 76	
Subscribers (48)	56 00	
Books lost	20 20	
		$ 683 75

EXPENDITURES

Postage	$ 180 52	
Express	85 81	
Books	28 94	
Supplies	238 64	
In hand Dec. 31	149 84	
		$ 683 75

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TO THE PUBLIC

The Library is open every day in the year excepting legal holidays and Sundays in Summer. The hours are from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. on week-days.

From June 15th to September 15th the Library is closed on Sundays. On other Sundays of the year it is open for the use of its reading rooms and reference library from 2 to 6 p. m.

The use of books, papers and magazines in the reading rooms and reference library is free and the public has access at all times to the shelves of the circulating department.

Anyone who is over ten years old, lives in the city and is recommended by a reputable citizen may take books from the circulating department without cost. A large room is devoted to the use of the young people with a full equipment of books for their special benefit. Any non-resident of the city is welcome to the use of the library for reference purposes. He may have the privileges of the circulation department upon payment of $2 per year. Persons employed regularly in the city or owning taxable property in the city, and non-resident students in the schools of the city may take out books without cost. The latest books of fiction must be returned after a week's use. Other circulation books including the music scores may be kept out for two weeks.

A suitable library of dictionaries and cyclopedias and bound sets of the important magazines, both English and American, is to be found in the reference room, with periodical indexes by the use of which readers may know where to find any article of importance which has been published in these magazines.

In the department devoted to local history and genealogy are collected a large number of works on these subjects. Nearly 6,000 volumes of history of states, countries and localities in this country and abroad, about 70 journals devoted to history and genealogy, year books of hereditary and patriotic societies and more than three thousand volumes of family history are at the disposal of those who wish to consult them in this room.

The library belongs to the public. It can only do its duty when the fullest possible use is made of it.

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1910

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library:

DEAR SIRS:

The Library added a new line of activity and held out inducements to a new class of patrons when it installed, last October, a collection of music scores in obedience to the Trustees' resolution of May 1, 1910. The Librarian is especially encouraged by the willingness with which musical persons have given aid. Some of the most valuable features of the collection are due to the generosity of our friends, and, indeed, without the use of their experience and skill, the project could not have been undertaken. The Librarian takes this occasion to make public acknowledgment of the debt which the Library owes to them. Attention is called to a special report on this department elsewhere in this volume.

Three months of experience have proved the success of the experiment. The circulation of the music scores is large and the expressions of satisfaction from our patrons most gratifying.

Reason for satisfaction is found in the figures for circulation in general. The increase of seven per cent. since last year means an increase of fifty volumes in the daily circulation. The increase for the year amounted to 17,765 volumes, and this does not include the circulation of magazines, which would swell the total to 27,082, the percentage of increase to fifteen per cent. and the daily circulation to 934, as compared with 846 in 1909.

With the exception of the West End Station this increase in circulation is noted in the work of the Library generally. The Elmwood Station shows an increase of fifty per cent. and the

North Side Branch an increase of twenty per cent. Reference to Appendix No. 8 will show that a still further growth is to be looked for in the North Side Branch in 1911.

The Librarian calls attention to the improvement noted in the report of the Order Department in the systematizing of the important matter of purchasing books. The process begins with the filling out of an order card, which may be done, and very frequently is done, by some patron of the Library who desires to use the book described on the card. If the purchase is made the card remains in the Order Department until the book is actually on the shelves. By this means the purchase of duplicate copies is guarded against, and a record is always at hand of the progress of the transaction. Thus it becomes possible to follow up orders that have been neglected, otherwise a frequent source of dissatisfaction and wasted labor.

Among the other steps taken during the year to increase the usefulness of the Library may be mentioned the publication of the catalogue of the J. William Smith Collection of books and manuscripts and the catalogue of the Department of Local History and Genealogy, the adding of a set of book cases to the small reading room in the Department and the addition of new stacks in the reference room, giving accommodation for 3,600 additional volumes.

The Librarian again takes occasion to express his appreciation of the loyal and efficient co-operation of his associates on the staff.

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY,
Librarian.

THE MUSIC SCORE LOAN COLLECTION

At a meeting of the Trustees, May 1, 1910, on motion of Mr. J. William Smith, it was resolved to establish a Department of Music, at such expense as the Librarian might judge wise. The sum of $200 was later set aside for the purchase of music scores and on July 1 this was increased by $25.

Miss A. Kathleen King, who had been chiefly instrumental in bringing the subject before the Trustees, was asked to aid the Library by preparing lists of music to be bought. Her generous labors in this direction supplemented by the kindness of a number of musicians resulted in the preparation of a carefully selected list of the best music, both classical and modern including a large collection of opera scores bought in one lot. During the first week in October the music scores which had been permanently bound or provided with inexpensive covers, such as are used for magazines, were ready for use.

The average circulation since that time has been about ten per day, and the total addition to the circulation for 1910 in the Department of Fine Arts has been increased at least 1,000, by the addition of this feature to the Library. Words of approval from our patrons have been generously given.

Before the music was ready for circulation, gifts of music scores began to be offered to the Library. Miss King and Miss Mary S. Dissel were among the first to perform this gracious service, and Miss Jessie V. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Aurin M. Chase, Prof. Tom Ward, Messrs. F. R. Hazard, Henry Clay Barnebee, Ditson & Co. of Boston and R. R. Dennis of Auburn have contributed gifts, which in the aggregate have a great value. Prof. Ward's large gift of choral music in octavo form will be made useful for singing societies. The violin and piano music presented by Mr. and Mrs. Chase bears the stamp of their taste and experience. The full set in duplicate of the pieces that have been sung by the Music Festival Chorus, given by Mr. Hazard,

have an educational as well as an association value, and each gift that has been made is unique in some respect. The Library feels special pride in the possession of the opera scores which have been given by Mr. Barnabee. They represent the work of the opera companies with which their beloved comedian has been associated. Many of them were his own original copies. Each of them has an inscription in Mr. Barnabee's own handwriting, containing reminiscences, criticisms and autobiographical notes of unusual interest.

Each of the music scores is catalogued separately, a drawer in the large card catalogue being devoted to the purpose. A considerable amount of the music that has been given to the Library remains uncatalogued, partly for the reason that new arrangements for shelf room must be made to accommodate this growing collection.

The success in the music score loan library suggests the advisability of establishing a similar collection in the North Side Branch.

The cost of this installation has been:

Music	$210.69
Binding	83.74
Shelves	22.00
	$316.43

BOOKS FOR WORKERS

It is the purpose of the Library to make itself increasingly useful to the working population of the this industrial city. The Library is well equipped for the purpose. No less than 35 industrial and trade journals are to be found in the main reading room, such as The Inland Printer, The American Machinist, The Carpenter and Builder, and The Technical World. Periodicals concerning the labor movement, including The American Federationist and the leading socialistic magazines, are represented. Industrial books upon the technique of thirty different trades are freely loaned from the Circulation Department. The Library stands ready to place in any shop in the city a traveling collection of books about the trades or other books including fiction if desired.

Ultimately the rooms now occupied by the Art Museum will, it is expected, be converted into an Industrial Library, and given over particularly to the use of Syracuse working people.

In the meantime the Librarian would be glad to hear of any direction in which the Library can be made more useful to the craftsmen and industrial workers of the city.

CIRCULATION

To the Librarian:

The following is a report of the work for the year ending December 31 1910:

The Circulating Department of the Library has been open 306 days. The number of books given out was 275,636 volumes, a daily average of 901 volumes. This is an increase since last year of seven per cent. The average weekly circulation has been 5,305 volumes and the average monthly circulation has been 22,983 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 1,553 volumes on November 26th. The largest monthly circulation was 27,342 volumes in November. The details of the circulation are given in a table in Appendix 7.

The collection of French and Italian books mentioned in last year's report now contains 246 books in French and 139 in Italian. A beginning has been made toward a collection of books for Polish readers.

The West End Station has circulated 5,623 volumes. The Elmwood Station has circulated 5,601 volumes.

The traveling libraries have been sent during the year to the engine houses, to workshops, to the Syracuse Home Association and to the schools that have asked for them. They have circulated 1,258 volumes.

The circulation of the Fine Arts Department has increased 68 per cent in the three months since the music was added.

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON
In Charge.

PERIODICAL, ACCESSION AND ORDER DEPARTMENT

ACCESSIONS AND ORDERS

To the Librarian:

The total number of bound volumes added to the Library during the fiscal year was 7,960, an increase of 1,520 over 1909, making our total accessions 97,361. Nineteen hundred and fifty-nine volumes were withdrawn, thus making the net strength of the Library, approximately, 88,419. Of this number 501 were acquired by gifts, 314 by binding and 7,145 by purchase.

The accessions were distributed as follows:

Circulating	4,842
Juvenile	1,500
Reference	1,293
North Side	365
Traveling	60

The routine work of the Order Department has been much systematized during the last year. Previously, dealers sent books on approval very generally, now books are more commonly received by order. This system takes more time and care, but is more satisfactory.

Book lists are checked, order cards made for each book; order cards are compared with: (1) catalogue, (2) list of books already ordered, (3) list of books accessioned. Then, if orders are approved, order lists are made for the dealers. When books arrive, bills are checked, books are compared with order slips and are then ready to be collated and accessioned.

All express packages are now received in this department.

PERIODICALS

Three hundred and eighty-four periodicals and newspapers have been regularly received in this department during the current year, a gain of 38 over 1909. A complete list will be found in Appendix No. 1. Ninety-two were gifts.

There are:

Dailies	34
Weeklies	90
Fortnightlies	7
Monthlies	188
Bi-monthlies	17
Quarterlies	41
Irregular publications	7

In addition to the above number, fifty extra copies, covering twenty-seven titles, were taken each month for circulation.

The total number of separate periodicals and papers received during the year was 24,140, an average of over 70 per day. All magazines are carefully recorded, collated and interesting material noted, so that articles will be available to readers before indexes are received.

On February 5, 1910, we began to circulate magazines. The total number circulated during the eleven months was 9,317, an average of 847 per month, or 33 per day. The largest monthly circulation was 1,191 for the month of November. The largest daily circulation was 85, on November 26.

New magazines circulate for three days, one to each person; those two or more months old circulate for one week, and readers may take two. If a reader is studying some special subject, he may take several magazines at the same time, provided they are not the current issue. We bind the magazines in a heavy card board cover, which has proved to be both cheap and satisfactory. Such covers as we use cost about four cents apiece, and many of the copies have circulated twenty-five or thirty times.

Bulletins and reading lists on special subjects were prepared throughout the year. The bulletins are usually a collection of pictures, which illustrate some topic of the day, accompanied by a list of magazine articles pertaining to that subject. Such bulletins require very little time and more than pay for the trouble, as they are much appreciated by the readers. Much more could be accomplished along this line if we had a swinging bulletin board, as the space now used is very limited. With the increas-

ing value of present day magazines, every effort possible should be made to bring the reader in touch with the fund of information at his command.

For the benefit of the casual reader, we compile each month a list of fifty of the most interesting magazine articles.

The reference work on current topics is an important part of the work. Special lists have been made upon request for debaters, club members and other persons. This part of the work is becoming more vital each year.

Special collections of vacation literature, spring and fall garden catalogues, holiday book catalogues and homeseekers' literature have become a regular feature of the reading room. A country life table displaying farmers' bulletins, government and State reports, and magazines relating to agriculture, gardening, nature study and kindred topics was maintained throughout the year. The material was frequently changed, according to the season, and new topics, which would be of current interest introduced.

Three hundred and twenty volumes of magazines have been prepared for the bindery.

Monthly and weekly health reports from various places are regularly received. A copy of all bills introduced into the New York State Assembly or Senate and the Congressional Record are also on file in this department.

Many recent directories, the gift of Sampson and Murdock, have been added during the year.

The total attendance for the year was approximately 67,559, an average of 5,630 per month, or 207 per day, excluding Sundays. The average Sunday attendance was 91.

MARY E. TODD
In Charge.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

An increase of 5,926 volumes over last year indicates the growth that has taken place in this department, which is better described as the Young People's Department than as the Children's Room. Our total circulation, including 5,964 juvenile books circulated from the North Side Branch amounted to 71,825.

On February 25th and November 19th the daily circulation rose to 374, the maximum for the year. The monthly maximum was 7,643 in November; average daily circulation 215, weekly 1,381, monthly 5,984. The department was open 306 days.

The Story Hour is well attended and is instructive as well as entertaining. At the request of Mrs. F. R. Hazard the Young People's Department provided a story teller for the Frazer play grounds during July and August. This reached a number of young people too far away to attend the main library.

The circulation of puzzles was tried at the beginning of the year. But so many pieces were lost that the puzzles had to be withdrawn and the idea of circulating them was given up. We still keep the dissected maps of countries and states to be used in the Reading Room.

In February the George Junior Republic gave an exhibit of its work in the Young People's Department, illustrated with pictures of the place, which was most interesting and instructive. This exhibit lasted a week and was enjoyed both by children and older people.

Respectfully,

EMILY K. MUNDY
In Charge.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

In October three new steel stacks were set up in the Reference room, necessitating the shifting of the entire book collection, and while the additional shelf room was very welcome, the decreased space for the accommodation of readers is to be regretted. The general shift gave opportunity for one or two innovations in arrangement which, though experimental, have already given promise of good results. One of these was the giving up of part of an alcove to certain much used but unwieldy periodicals like Engineering News and Scientific American, where, with tables conveniently placed, they can be more easily handled than when shelved alphabetically with others. Another was the bringing up from the balcony and arranging upon the whole stack devoted to them the most frequently called for United States and New York state documents which, have heretofore been stored so far away as to greatly limit their use. Both of these experiments have been successful and suggest further changes of the same sort and the hope that the time will come when patrons will not be sent upstairs and down and a long way about in an effort to secure the use of books which should naturally be grouped together.

A special feature of our work this year has been the more systematic use of these Government publications with the aid of the various indexes published at Washington. We have the monthly catalogue of United States public documents with its notes of general interest; the monthly catalogue of state publications, begun in January 1910, and filling a decided want; and the large Document catalogue issued biennally. Vol. 8 of this book recently received contains nearly 2,000 pages and indexes all documents and reports submitted to Congress and all publication of executive offices, bureaus and departments issued during the two years—a most interesting and valuable book.

In the line of periodicals we have added some new names to our list and have filled some gaps in our sets of magazines referred to in Poole's Index to magazines. To meet the demand for original material on the financial history of the country, it has seemed wise to gather in from the secondhand dealers, as we can from time to time, the volumes of Hunt's Merchants' magazine published between 1839 and 1870. We now have 43 of the 63 volumes.

An inventory of books has been taken three times in the main room and once on the balcony. This is done not merely to discover our losses, but to accustom ourselves to the location of certain books shelved for various reasons out of the order indicated by the classification, and to correct details of arrangement. Our losses number six.

For a year an attempt has been made to keep an exact account of pamphlets, not only of the periodicals and college bulletins, but of everything in the nature of a pamphlet, large or small, useful or not, that has been received. This record consuming much time and delaying other work, may, it is suggested, be considered hereafter as among the things not worth while in library matters.

A great deal of detail is involved in the care of the books, the arranging and rearranging them in an effort to adapt their rapidly increasing numbers to our limited shelf room, the mending, collating, listing, recording, indexing, etc., necessary to keep the collection well in hand and in mind. It should be added that in these details Miss Boone and Miss Pendleton have done excellent work in the limited time they have given to the department. Miss Boone, for special work, has listed the illustrations in the encyclopaedias in preparation of a general picture index to these books. Much work has been done on a "Municipal Affairs" reading list which was to be included in the January bi-monthly bulletin, but it has developed into such a lengthy affair that it must be postponed.

Interest in debating increases, and for students of economic problems—the usual subjects of these debates—National Municipal League publications, Debaters' handbook series, and like

books have been purchased. About 50 additional volumes of the International Correspondence School and Library of Technology have been entered, while, in general literature, the 43 volume Voltaire set and the 50 volume collection of Harvard classics are of interest. The population bulletins of the Thirteenth United States Census are beginning to appear while yet the long line of volumes of the Twelfth is hardly completed.

Our gifts have been many and are recorded in the statistical tables. We mention only two. The one, entitled "Die Wartburg," describing and illustrating that famous castle—a magnificent specimen of bookmaking—was presented by Mr. Salem Hyde; the other, published by the Sericulture Association of Japan, and with all the attention to exquisite detail for which the Japanese are famous, is given by the Silk Association of America. The latter book is privately printed and is not for sale.

Nine hundred and forty accessioned books were added during 1910 and 398 pamphlets, not including agricultural bulletins and other matter.

ADA WRIGHT,
In Charge.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

To the Librarian:

The number of books added to the Local History department for 1910 has fallen much below that of previous years, being in all 256 volumes divided as to class into genealogy 67 bound vols. and 19 pamphlets. Local history 130 bound volumes and 40 pamphlets.

For the scrap books which are designed to preserve the record of local events in the city and surrounding country, three of the city newspapers are scanned for any genealogical news such as obituaries, weddings, christenings, etc., and all centennials and anniversaries.

In this way we are gradually accumulating a mass of information which, indexed and arranged so as to be readily accessible, will prove a source of help to future workers in the field of local history.

Growth in the use of the library by out of town residents increases. While the means of ascertaining the name and residence of the patrons of a reference room are not readily obtainable, they frequently vouchsafe the information that they have come from out of town to spend the day, or perhaps a few days, in consulting our records. In the past year some of these visitors have come from afar, one giving California as his home.

Some students of Syracuse University making history a major study, have departed from the usual rule and taken genealogy as themes for their theses work. The Schuyler and Van Rensselaer families, in particular, being so important a factor in history making of our state, have furnished a topic, and the shelves of this room were consulted for data.

During the summer, various lists of graveyard inscriptions copied from time to time, were alphabetized and arranged into pamphlets for use. In this way we have a complete verified copy

of all the inscriptions at Pompey Hill cemetery to 1910, also the old First Ward cemetery, and the Rose cemetery at Brighton now unused, while of a number of others we have copies of the older or otherwise interesting inscriptions.

In December the long delayed catalogue of the books in this room was published. It was found necessary to divide the catalogue and to issue the list of genealogy separately from the books on town history which will be necessary in the near future to complete the catalogue. This supplement was published in a pamphlet of 119 pages containing 3,016 entries, giving author and title with enough matter to describe the contents of the book. It supersedes the finding lists published in 1902 and 1903, and is intended when complete to be a bibliographical history of the works in this department.

WHAT THE LIBRARY HAS PUBLISHED

A list of publications issued by the Library is appended. This applies only to the Library after it became a separate institution. Previous of 1894 all reports were incorporated in the reports of the Board of Education of the city.

Annual reports. 1894 to 1909.
Bi-monthly bulletins of additions, Nov., 1907 to Dec., 1910.
Finding list of Industrial books, 1897.
Finding list of children's books, 1898.
Finding list of children's books, 1898.
Finding list of genealogy and local history, 1902.
Finding list of genealogy supplement, 1903.
Finding list of chldren's books, 1905.
Finding list of applied science, 1908.
Young people's books, travel and biography, 1910.
List of genealogy and heraldry, 1910.
Catalogue of the J. William Smith Collection, 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE L. KELLOGG

In Charge.

THE NORTH SIDE BRANCH

(Ash and Townsend Streets)

To the Librarian:

The North Side Branch of the Public Library has been open every day except Sundays and legal holidays, from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m., during the past year, and there has been circulated therefrom 21,625 volumes, 19,587 of which were fiction, 5,964 juvenile and 2,697 German.

The International encyclopedia, a recent addition to the reference shelves, is consulted frequently by students of the North High School.

Bulletins have been made for the special days during the year and have the approval of the adults as well as the children.

A new registration was started this fall and the present enrollment is 851.

Monthly figures appear in Appendix No. 8.

I desire to express my appreciation of the prompt attention given by the Librarian to my various requests for equipment and new books.

M. GERTRUDE SCANLAN
In Charge.

CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT

To the Librarian:

In the cataloguing department during the year 1910 six thousand four hundred and sixty new books have been classified, catalogued and shelf-listed and duplicate cards have been made for reference books for the general catalogue. Separate catalogues have been made for the books in the French and Italian languages and for musical scores.

Library of Congress cards were used for the Early English Text Society publications and for some State Geological Survey publications.

A. L. A. serial cards have been used for Asiatic Society of Japan Transactions, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections and National Museum Proceedings.

The catalogue of the J. William Smith Collection has been completed and printed. Five numbers of the bulletin have been printed.

Each of the cataloguers was allowed three months' leave of absence at different times, to travel in Europe, so for six months of the year the work of the department was carried on by one person, with some assistance at odd times from Miss Callahan and Miss Pendleton. The work of cataloguing the documents has been interrupted because of the absence of the cataloguers, but few of these are still uncatalogued.

Toward the end of the year Miss Wilson was relieved from day duty at the information desk and the work with the binding records was transferred to Miss Thompson in the children's room.

Miss Wright has taken charge of completing sets of some of the documents.

As the library grows the duplicating of cards should be done by some mechanical means like the multigraph, which has proved a success in other libraries and saves the work of many people.

If our bulletin could be annotated it would increase its usefulness.

C. M. DAGGETT,
In Charge.

ANDREW BURR BLODGETT

Andrew Burr Blodgett, Ph. D., Superintendent of Schools, and ex-officio member of the Board of Library Trustees, died August 19, 1910. At a meeting of the trustees in the afternoon of the same day, the following minute was adopted:

The trustees of the Public Library, met in answer to the call of their President wish to record their feeling of deep regret at the death of Trustee Blodgett, and express their hearty appeciation of the services which he has given to our city.

As Superintendent of Schools for twenty years, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for eighteen years and as a citizen of Syracuse for thirty-five years, he has helped in the development of the educational activities of our city. He has been everywhere prompt, earnest, incisive and energetic and his influence is for the future a part of our city life. To this fidelity and strength he has added the charm of personality which has attracted us all to him. We are glad that he has lived.

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Dr. Blodgett.

Done at the Syracuse Public Library August the nineteenth, nineteen hundred and ten.

SALEM HYDE *President.*

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY *Secretay.*

PERIODICALS (UNBOUND) IN THE REFERENCE ROOM

Association for International Conciliation. Bulletin (monthly).

Barge Canal Bulletin (monthly).

Bibliographical Society of America. Bulletin (quarterly).

Bulletin of Bibliography (quarterly).

California University Department of Geology. Bulletin (irregular).

Colorado Scientific Society Publications (irregular).

Monthly Catalogue of United States Public Documents.

Monthly Digest of Corporation News.

Monthly List of State Publications.

National Municipal League. Occasional leaflets.

New York Libraries (quarterly).

Outlook (weekly).

Patent Gazette (weekly).

This does not include many agricultural bulletins and others.

APPENDIX NO. 1

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS ON FILE IN THE PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

List of Abbreviations: (d) daily; (f) fortnightly; (m) monthly; (q) quarterly; (w) weekly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (irreg.) irregular; (*) gift; (a) added since 1910; (x) discontinued since 1910

Albany Evening Journal (d)
*Ambition (m) (a)
American Agriculturalist (w)
American Anthropologist (q)
American Antiquarian (bi-m)
American Architect (w)
American Carpenter & Builder (m)
American Cath. His. Researches (q)
American Catholic Hist. Society Records (q)
American Catholic Quarterly Review (q)
American City (m)
*American Contractor (m)
American Economic Asso. Quarterly
American Educational Review (m)
American Federationist (a)
American Forestry (m)
American Hebrew (w)
American Historical Review (q)
*American Home Missionary (m)
American Homes and Gardens (m)
American Jour. of Archæology (q)
American Jour. of Psychology (q)
American Journal of Science (m)
American Jour. of Sociology (bi-m)
American Journal of Theology (q)
American Library Association Bulletin (bi-m)
American Library Association Booklist (m)
American Machinist (w)
American Magazine (m)
American Monthly Magazine (m)
American Museum Journal (m)
American Naturalist (m)
American Physical Education Review (m)
American Poultry Advocate (m)
American Poultry World (m) (a)
*American Republics (m)
American Society of Civil Engineers —Transactions (q)
American Statistical Assoc. (q)
Americana (m)
Annales d'Hygiene Publique (m)
Annals of the Am. Academy (bi-m)
Anti-Suffragist (q)
*Appeal to Reason (w)
Archaeological Institu. of Amer. (q)
Architectural Record (m)
Architectural Review, Boston (m)
Architectural Review, London (m)
Army and Navy (w)
Arts and Decoration (m)
Asiatic Quarterly Review (q)
Asiatic Society of Japan (q)
Athenaeum (w)
Atlantic (m)
*Auburn Citizen (a)
*Auk (a)
Badminton Magazine (m)
Baltimore Sun (d)
*Barge Canal Bulletin (m)
*Beautiful Homes (m)
Biblical World (m)
Bibliotheca Sacra (q)
*Billboard (w)
Binghamton Press (d)
Biological Bulletin (m)
Bird Lore (bi-m)
Blackwood's Magazine (m)
*Board of Trade Journal, Scranton (m)
*Book Buyer (m)
Book Review Digest (m)
Bookman (m)
Bookseller (w)
Boston Cooking School Magazine (a)
Boston Evening Transcript (d)
Botanical Gazette (m)
Bradstreets (w)
Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Buffalo Commercial (d)

Bulletin of Bibliography (q)
*Bureau of Labor Bulletins (bi-m)
Canadian Magazine (m)
Cassier's Magazine (m)
*Catholic Sun (w)
Catholic World (w)
Century Magazine (m)
*Century Path (w)
Chautauquan (m)
Chemical Abstracts (f)
Chicago Daily Tribune (d)
*Christian Century (w)
*Christian Men (m)
Christian Register (w)
*Christian Science Journal (m)
*Christian Science Monitor (d)
*Christian Science Sentinel (w)
*Churchman (w)
Cincinnati Enquirer (d)
Citizen (a)
Cleveland Leader (d)
Collier's Weekly (w)
*Colorado Graphic (w)
Columbia University Quarterly (q)
*Coming Country
*Commerce and Finance (m)
*Concrete (m)
*Congressional Record (d)
*Conservator (m)
*Consular and Trade Reports (m)
Contemporary Review (m)
*Cook's American Traveller's Gazette (m)
Cornell Countryman (m)
*Cornell Reading Course (m)
*Cornell Rural School Leaflets (m)
Cornhill Magazine (m)
Cosmopolitan (m)
Country Life in America (m)
Craftsman (m)
*Crop Reporter (m)
Cumulative Book Index (m)
Current Literature (m)
Delineator (m)
*Denver Municipal Facts (w)
Denver Republican (d)
Detroit Free Press (d)
Dial (f)
Drama (q)
Dramatic Mirror (w)
*Eastern and Western Review (m)
*Eclectic Library Catalogue
Economic Bulletin (q)
Edinburgh Review (q)
Editor (m)
Education (m)
Educational Gazette (m)
Educational Review (m)
Electrical World (w)
*Empire State (q)
Engineering and Mining Jour. (w)
Engineering Magazine (m)
Engineering News (w)
English Historical Review (q)
English Mechanic (w)
Equity (q)
Everybody's Magazine (m) (a)
*Experiment Station Record (m)
*Exponent (m)
Farm and Fireside (w)
*Farm Journal (m)
*Farmers' Bulletin (irreg)
Fern Bulletin (q)
*Fleet Review (m)
Fliegende Blaetter (w)
Flight (w)
Fly (m) (a)
Forest and Stream (w)
Fortnightly Review (m)
Forum (q)
Garden Magazine (m)
*La Gazzetta (w)
Good Government (m)
Good Health (m)
Good Housekeeping (m)
*Gospel Messenger (m)
*Government Publications (m)
*Gregg Writer (m)
Hampton's Magazine (m)
Handicraft (m)
Harper's Bazar (m)
Harper's Magazine (m)
Harper's Weekly
Harvard Graduate's Magazine (q)
Health Reports
*California (m)
*Indiana (m)
*Michigan (q)
*Nashville (m)
*New York City (w)
*New York State (m)
*Helper (w)
*Herald of the Cross (m)
Hibbert Journal (q)
*Home Nature Study (q)
Horseless Age (w)
Hoard's Dairyman (a)
House and Garden (m)
House Beautiful (m)
Hygiene and Phys. Education (m)

*Illuminating Engineer (m)
Illustrated London News (w)
L'Illustration (w)
L'Illustrazione Italiana (w)
Illustrirte Zeitung (w)
Independent (w)
*Independent, Kansas City (w)
Index Medicus (m)
Indian's Friend (m)
Industrial Engineering (m)
*Industrial Weekly
Inland Printer (a)
*International Conciliation (m)
International Journal of Ethics (q)
*International Labour Bulletin (q)
International Socialist Review (m)
International Studio (m)
Iron Age (w)
Journal of Abnormal Psychology (bi-m)
Journal of American Chemical Society (m)
Journal of American Folklore (q)
Journal of American Society for Psychical Research (m)
Journal of Chemical Industry (f)
Journal of Commerce (d) (a)
Journal of Criminal Law (bi-m)
Journal of Economic Entomology (bi-m) (x)
Journal of Franklin Institute (m)
Journal of Geology (bi-m)
Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry (m)
Journal of Pedagogy (irreg)
Journal of Political Economy (m)
Journal of Royal Sanitary Institute (m)
Journal of Royal Statistical Society (q)
Keith's Magazine (m)
Keramic Studio (m)
*Kindergarten Magazine (m)
Kindergarten Review (m)
Ladies' Home Journal (m)
Landscape Architecture (q)
Leslie's Weekly (w)
Library Journal (m)
Library Work (q)
Life (w)
Lippincott's Magazine (m)
Literary Digest (w)
Living Age (w)
*Living Church (w)
London Times (w)
*Louisiana Planter (w)
Louisville Courier-Journal (w)
*Lowell Magazine (m)
*Lutheran (w)
McClure's Magazine (m)
Magazine of History (m)
*Mantle, Tile and Grate (m)
Manual Training Magazine (bi-m)
Masters in Art (m) (x)
*Matilda Ziegler Magazine (m)
Metal Industry (m)
Mind (q)
Missionary Review (m)
*Missionary Tidings (m)
Model Engineer and Electrician (w)
Monist (q)
Monthly Evening Sky Map
*Monthly Weather Review (m)
Montreal Herald (a)
*Mother Earth (m)
Moody's Manual Service (a)
Municipal Engineering (m)
Municipal Journal & Engineer (w)
Munsey (m)
*Museum News (m)
*Museum of Fine Arts Bulletin (bi-m)
Musical America (w)
Musical Courier (w)
Musical Times (m)
Mycologia (bi-m) (x)
Nation (w)
National Geographic Magazine (m)
*National Prohibitionist (w)
Nature (w)
Nature Study Review (m)
New England Magazine (m)
*New Theatre News Sheet
New York Call (d)
New York Evening Post (d)
*New York Experiment Station Bulletin (m)
New York Herald (d)
*New York Labor Bulletin (q)
New York Libraries (q)
N. Y. State Assembly Bills (irreg)
New York Senate Bills (irreg)
New York Suffrage Newsletter (m)
New York Sun (d)
New York Times (d)
New York Times Book Review (w)
New York Tribune (d)
New York Tribune Sunday Magazine (w)
Nineteenth Century (m)

North American Review (m)
*Northern Christian Advocate (w)
Notes and Queries (w)
Numismatic Circular (m)
Numismatist (m)
Open Court (m)
Oswego Palladium (d) (a)
Outing (m)
Outlook (m)
Overland Monthly (m)
Palestine Exploration Fund (q)
Palette and Bench (m) (x)
Park and Cemetery (m) (x)
Pedagogical Seminary (q)
Philadelphia Press (d)
Philosophical Review (bi-m)
Photo-Era (m)
Photographic Times (m)
Photo-Miniature (m)
Physical Review (m)
*Pitman's Journal (m)
Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph (d)
Playground (m)
Poet Lore (bi-m)
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Mechanics (m)
Popular Science Monthly (m)
Power (w)
*Practical Engineer (m)
Progress (m)
Progressive Age (f)
*Progressive Farmer (w)
*Psychological Bulletin (m)
Psychological Review (bi-m)
Public Health (m)
Public Libraries (m)
Publisher's Weekly (w)
Punch (w)
Putnam's Monthly (m) ceased pub. April 1
Quarterly Journal of Economics (q)
Quarterly Review
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (m)
Records of the Past (m)
Recreation (m)
*Religious Education (bi-m)
Review of Reviews (m)
Revue des Deux Mondes (f)
Risveglio Coloniale (w)
Rochester Democrat and Chron. (d)
Rochester Post-Express (d)
Rural New Yorker (w) (a)
*Saint John's Quarterly
Saint Louis Globe-Democrat (d)
San Francisco Weekly Chronicle
Saturday Evening Post (w)
School Arts Book (m)
School Review (m)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
Scribner's Magazine (m)
*Skaneateles Democrat (w)
Southern Workman (m)
*Spare Moments (m)
Speaker (m) (a)
Spectator (w)
*Spirit of Missions (m)
Springfield Republican (d)
*Stuffed Club (m)
Suburban Electric Railway Magazine (m)
Suburban Life (m)
Success (w)
*Sunflower (w)
Survey (w)
Syracusan (m)
Syracuse Daily Orange (d)
Syracuse Evening Herald (d)
Syracuse Evening Journal (d)
Syracuse Post-Standard (d)
*Syracuse Union (w)
System (m)
Technical World Magazine (m)
*Telegraph Age (f)
Temple Artisan
Theatre (m)
*Theosophic Messenger (m)
Toronto Globe (d)
Torrey Botanical Club Bulletins (m)
Travel Magazine
Twentieth Century Magazine (m)
Typographical Journal (a)
*Union Signal (w)
U. S. Department of Agriculture
*Bureau of Animal Industry Orders (irreg)
*Food and Drugs' Act (irreg)
*Food Inspect'n Decisions (irreg)
*Twenty-Eight Hour Law (irreg)
Unitarian
United States Postal Guide (m)
Unity (w)
*Universalist Leader (w)
University Chronicle (q)
Utica Observer (d)
Utica Press (d) (a)
Vogue (f)
Washington Post (d)

Watertown Times (d) (a)
Westminster Review (m)
*Woman's Journal (w)
Woodcraft (m)
World Today (m)
World's Work (m)
Writer (m)
Yale Review (q)
Zeitschrift fur Schulgesundheitspflege (m)

APPENDIX NO. 2

SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

List of Abbreviations: (m) monthly; (bi-m) bi-monthly; (q) quarterly; (y) yearly; (o) occasional; (w) weekly; (d) daily; (*) gift

Book Notes (w)
Boston Transcript (bi-w)
Buffalo Hist. Soc. (o)
Bostonian Society Coll. (o)
Canadian Archives (o)
Connecticut Hist. Soc. (o)
Essex Inst. Hist. Coll. (o)
Genealogical Exchange (m)
Genealogical Soc. of Penn. (o)
Grafton Magazine (q)
Harleian Society Register (o)
Harleian Society Visitations
Hartford Times (bi-w)
Journal of Amer. History (q)
London Parish Reg. Society (o)
Massachusetts Magazine (q)
Mayflower Descendant (q)
Medford Hist. Register (q)
Newburgh Bay and the Highlands Hist. Society (o)
New Eng. Hist. and Geneal. Register (q)
New Eng. Family History (q)
New Eng. Soc. in the City of New York (o)
New Hampshire Geneal. Rec. (q)
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (q)
New York Hist. Society (o)
Oneida Hist. Society (o)
Old Northwest Geneal. Quart'ly (q)
Olde Ulster (m)
Pedigree Register (q)
Pennsylvania-German Society (o)
Pennsylvania Magazine (q)
Southern Hist. Assoc. Pub. (bi-m)
S. Car. Hist. and Geneal. Maga. (o)
Surtees Society (o)
Virginia County Records
Virginia Magazine (q)
Wm. and Mary College Quarterly

APPENDIX NO. 3

PERIODICALS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING ROOM

Cassell's Little Folks (Eng.) (m)
Cassino's Little Folks (m)
Children's Magazine (m)
Cornell Leaflet (bi-m)
Electrician and Mechanic (m)
Flight (w)
Outing (m)
Popular Electricity
Post-Standard (d)
St. Nicholas (m)
School Arts Book (m)
Scientific American (w)
Scientific American Supplement (w)
World's Chronicle
Youth's Companion (w)

APPENDIX NO. 4

BOOKS GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY IN 1910

Abbott, E. Stanley	2
Acheson, Oildag Co	1
Anonymous	7
Boston, City of	1
Brown, Alex. Timothy	1
Bushnell, Curtis C.	1
Calthrop, Mrs. Richard	1
Carter, H. W.	3
Charleston, S. C., City of	8
Clark, H. W.	1
Clarke, Charles E.	2
Clarke, Theodore	8
Conn., State of	2
Corning, Miss (Seneca Falls)	1
Day, Richard E	1
Debar, Joseph	1
Dennison, Mrs. E. W	1
Decker, Miss Jessie	20
Driscoll, Hon M. E.	5
Dryden, J. F.	1
Ellis, J. A.	3
Farnsworth, Edward C	1
First Ch. of Christ, Scientist, Syracuse	11
Ford, H. Monroe	1
Gillette, R. C.	1
Gordon, H. L.	1
Hazard, F. R.	20

Holden, H. S.	29
Hunting, H. R.	1
Indiana, State of	1
Ingraham, Chas. A.	1
Iowa State Librarian	1
King, Miss Kathleen	6
Leete, W. S.	2
Library Bureau	1
Mace, Prof. Wm. H.	2
McLoughlin Bros.	1
Mason, Rev. C. J.	2
May Memorial Church, Syracuse	2
Mercer, Dr. Alfred	49
Michigan, State of	3
Minneapolis, City of	1
Missouri, State of	9
Mitchell, Mrs. Ellen M.	6
Mundy, Dr. Ezekiel W	2
Newark Pub. Library	1
N. J. State	6
N. Y. City	2
N. Y. State	69
N. Y. University	1
Paine, Paul M.	1
Pannenberg, Mr.	2
Parshall, Mrs. W.	1
Porter, Harry A.	2
Potter, Chas. M.	1
Sampson & Murdock	78
Smallwood, Mrs. J. C.	1
Smith, Ray	1
Squier, W. K.	1
Steiger, Ernest	1
Sutcliffe, S. M., Jr	1
Syracuse Comptroller	1
Syracuse Herald	3
Syracuse University	2
U. S. Government	45
Univ. Club of Syracuse	1
White, Gov. Horace	48
Williams, F. W.	3
Higinbotham, H. N.	1
Hiscock, Mrs. Frank H	3

APPENDIX NO. 5

TABLE OF MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
January	14,729	12,807	14,399	16,633	22,294	23,458	24,179
February ..	14,987	12,278	12,981	15,627	23,400	22,553	23,455
March	16,472	15,464	16,074	17,582	25,138	26,362	25,605
April	11,239	13,547	12,587	16,718	22,307	22,596	23,503
May	11,548	12,979	12,138	15,381	20,394	20,009	21,558
June	11,161	11,249	11,570	13,359	19,109	19,136	21,443
July	10,423	7,694	10,654	12,475	16,647	17,774	18,483
August	10,468	7,248	10,915	12,638	16,678	17,358	18,708
September .	10,562	9,397	11,983	12,497	17,110	17,538	19,286
October	12,852	12,134	15,761	18,731	23,081	22,879	25,387
November ..	13,653	13,174	16,510	21,640	23,391	24,933	27,342
December ..	12,707	12,540	14,650	20,003	23,245	23,515	26,687
	153,751	130,511	160,222	193,284	252,794	258,111	275,636

NOTE.—The Library was closed for 23 days in 1905

CIRCULATION ACCORDING TO SUBJECTS

	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Fiction	Total
1896–1897	76	506	843	1,829	47	1,769	679	1,435	4,148	4,198	2,726	4,051	99,264	121,571
1897–1898	162	870	1,161	2,214	41	2,068	935	1,766	4,894	3,936	3,116	4,519	119,631	145,313
1898–1899	87	922	928	2,165	61	2,141	954	1,946	5,284	3,841	3,884	5,227	118,052	145,492
1899–1900	109	1,313	1,122	2,494	74	2,397	1,298	2,148	5,766	4,138	3,000	5,413	138,630	167,902
1900–1901	76	1,407	1,155	2,495	78	2,803	1,751	2,333	5,633	3,676	3,676	4,908	143,477	173,468
1901–1902	28	1,354	1,348	2,102	123	2,752	1,553	2,038	4,526	2,776	3,804	4,298	106,292	132,990
1902–1903	82	1,644	1,727	2,744	114	2,975	1,801	2,532	5,308	3,160	3,624	4,574	122,671	152,956
1903–1904	144	1,845	1,453	3,042	183	3,117	2,221	2,499	5,249	3,871	3,711	5,347	125,641	158,323
1904–1905	95	1,736	1,283	2,635	167	2,946	2,321	2,530	4,897	3,696	3,501	4,499	107,436	137,741
1906	90	1,734	1,411	3,847	125	3,762	2,811	2,728	6,120	4,471	5,282	4,896	122,945	160,222
1907	54	1,917	1,922	4,807	99	3,947	3,580	3,313	7,556	5,760	5,371	5,461	149,497	193,284
1908	47	2,898	2,621	7,061	215	5,214	5,332	4,676	9,260	7,315	6,690	7,865	193,600	252,794
1909	51	3,070	2,495	6,765	277	5,628	6,113	4,966	9,511	7,331	7,284	7,194	197,408	258,111
1910	95	2,787	2,701	6,788	346	6,026	6,576	6,518	9,439	8,667	7,193	7,714	211,031	275,636

APPENDIX NO. 7

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AT THE NORTH SIDE BRANCH

1910	Fict.	Juvenile	German	Total
January	1,616	572	262	1,828
February	1,481	419	281	1,676
March	1,624	448	263	1,825
April	1,579	400	213	1,757
May	1,747	578	216	1,903
June	1,660	486	313	1,805
July	1,450	289	146	1,540
August	1,120	298	149	1,181
September	1,318	369	165	1,399
October	1,717	487	227	1,877
November	2,036	721	217	2,263
December	2,239	888	245	2,571
	19,587	5,964	2,697	21,625

APPENDIX NO. 8
STATISTICAL TABLE

	Year	Attendance Average Daily	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Withdrawn and Lost	In Library	Money Expended
	1855			200			$
	1857			471		5,154	
	1861		25,000	400			
	1870	130	24,310	2,659		10,000	4,671.92
	1875	138	41,623	491		13,791	3,162.75
	1880	138	40,525	105		13,423	2,079.77
	1885	135	41,443	318		17,107	3,100.71
	1890	145	44,303	1,466		21,541	3,500.00
(a)	1895	252	44,585	1,993		27,253	11,724.89
	1900	557	167,902	6,350	1,200	48,014	25,911.19
	1901	592	173,468	5,227	1,149	52,855	30,976.24
(b)	1902	507	132,990	5,339	1,281	56,910	31,368.78
	1903	501	152,956	5,150	1,145	61,097	30,100.00
	1904	520	158,323	3,613	1,005	63,705	45,781.63
(c)	1905	483	137,742	2,218	1,521	64,402	39,768.18
	1906	527	160,221	4,604	1,087	67,919	38,487.50
	1907	633	193,284	6,206	1,309	72,816	35,200.00
	1908	814	252,794	6,200	1,559	77,457	38,200.00
	1909	846	258,111	6,640	1,594	82,503	39,200.00
	1910	901	275,876	7,960	2,044	88,419	40,800.00

APPENDIX NO. 9

CIRCULATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

	Fiction	General Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	North Side Branch	Total	Station 1	Station 2	Traveling Libraries
1906	31941		50	56	1402		1106	189	371	615	1727	1313	1796		40566	1202	1186	
1907	38202	2	70	66	1864	2	1084	200	494	896	2069	1420	2119		48488	1583	1358	
1908	46270	1	76	127	2781		1330	220	1154	1139	2884	1652	3696		60830	2590		
1909	44728	1	75	103	2798	1	1673	527	1054	1355	2443	1636	3514		59908	2422		1786
1910	47930	1	85	184	2631	1	1804	686	1236	1868	4184	1544	3707	5964	71825	1633	891	1133

Money on hand January 1st, 1910....	$ 23.17
Dues during 1910.....	176.03
Interest	.77
	$199.97
Money Spent 1910.....	151.06
In hand January 1st, 1911....	48.91

Books added 1,500 vols.

Books withdrawn 966 vols.

APPENDIX NO. 10

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

From the City		$ 40,500 00
From the State		300 00
		$ 40,800 00

EXPENDITURES

Books	$ 9,920 80	
Serials	1,447 08	
Binding	2,870 25	
Repairs	327 80	
Supplies	1,196 63	
Heat	1,525 15	
Light and Power	1,706 32	
North Side Branch	1,137 39	
Stations	372 96	
Printing	1,431 52	
Permanent Improvements	656 36	
Insurance	80 90	
Wages	18,127 34	
		$ 40,800 00

APPENDIX NO. 11

REPORT OF CASH AT THE CIRCULATION DESK

RECEIPTS

From last year	$ 149 84	
For paid subscriptions (57)	62 00	
For fines	714 12	
For books lost	20 60	
		$ 946 56

EXPENDITURES

For express	$ 54 02	
For postage	180 93	
For books	101 38	
For supplies	466 10	
In hand Dec. 31	144 13	
		$ 946 56

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WHERE THE BOOKS ARE GIVEN OUT

CIRCULATION FIGURES

The number of books given out at the main desk during 1911 was 291,471. Of these 220,940 were fiction, or 75.7%. This is a higher proportion than is found in some public libraries. In Buffalo, for instance, during 1910 the proportion of fiction circulated was 60.8%. The circulation of fiction, however, in the Syracuse Public Library is less in proportion to total circulation than at any time during the past four years. The circulation of other books in proportion to the total circulation is steadily growing.

There was an increase of 15,835 in total circulation last year, a gain of 6%. Books on religion and sociology showed large gains, and there were gratifying increases also in literature and history.

The total circulation has doubled in ten years.

The best looking book in the circulation department of a public library is a good book which has been circulated until it is worn out. The worst looking book is the book which is in perfect condition because no one has ever asked for it.

SOME PERCENTAGES

Percentage of population registered as book borrowers	16%
Tax income per capita	30c
Number of books loaned per capita	2
Volumes in library per 1,000 population	644
Number of employes per 10,000 of population	2
Proportion of books for reference to whole number of books in library	49%
Value of books for reference in proportion to value of all books in the library	76%
Value of books per 1,000 population	$1,170

THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY IN 1911

Volumes added during the year	7,988
Books in the library Jan. 1, 1912	93,948
Books taken out in 1911	291,471
An average daily circulation of	955
Book borrowers registered at the end of 1911	19,116
Books withdrawn during the year (mostly worn out)	2,459

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT

Receipts from taxes	$41,500.00
Paid for books	9,817.18
For periodicals	1,140.48
For binding	3,174.20
For Insurance for three years	1,857.90
For North Side Branch (not including cost of books)	1,109.59
For stations	383.05
For heating main building	1,319.[illegible]
For light for main building	1,206.[illegible]
For salaries and wages in main building	18,435.[illegible]
Repairs, supplies, printing and permanent improvements	3,056.[illegible]



IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

PRINTED LISTS OF LIBRARY BOOKS

Librarians are often asked for printed catalogs of all the books in the library. It is useless to make such a catalog, for the reason that before it could be set in type it would be out of date. The circulation books of the Syracuse Public Library are named in a card catalog on the main floor and the different collections—juvenile, local history, reference—are cataloged separately in their own rooms.

The library does, however, publish a bi-monthly bulletin containing the titles of all the new books added, and this bulletin is for free distribution.

As a supplement to this work, Miss Wright, the Reference Librarian, prepared during last year a selected list of the material in the library on the subject of Civic Betterment, and this list, revised to date, was printed in a separate pamphlet under the title, "List of Books on Municipal Affairs and Civic Improvement." The list is not confined to books, but also mentions all magazine articles and other matter of importance, and should be of use to students engaged in reading on any subject connected with the civic uplift movement. Copies of this book-list may be had at the main desk of the library.

This Library is not merely a collection of books. It aims to be a means of education, the best place in the city to ask questions.

AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

During the year the Library has added, among other important books, volumes 1 and 2 of Monroe's Cyclopedia of Education, the Records of the Federal Convention, a complete Encyclopedia Brittanica in the new edition, about 50 volumes of Acting Plays and Standard Drama, beside works by Pinero, Thomas, and other dramatists, additional volumes of the Catholic Encyclopedia, and of the Proceedings of the Scientific and Technical Societies, a complete file of the Bibelot, a large number of books on Religion and Missions, the Loose Leaf Digest of Short Ballot Charters, Plums of New York, and many other books of agricultural interest, many works on social betterment, and books in French, German, Italian and Polish.

THE LIBRARY WILL BUY THE BOOK YOU NEED

In spending $10,000 a year for books the library needs aid from the public. It desires to use its funds in the way that will best please and help its patrons.

Any request from a patron of the library for a book which is not in the possession of the library—and this applies to the music scores, too—will have courteous and prompt attention, and in most cases it is safe to promise that the book will be purchased.

If you are stopping over in Syracuse, pay a visit to the Public Librar The Art Museum is in the same building.



THE NORTH SIDE READING ROOM.

THE NORTH SIDE BRANCH

Encouraging evidences of progress were recorded in the work of the North Side Branch last year. A total circulation of 27,229 volumes, a gain of nearly 6,000 over the previous year, and an enrollment of 1,552 book-borrowers, a gain of 701 since January 1, shows the advance that has been made.

Instead of being open in the evenings during the week, the North Side Branch now opens two hours earlier than formerly, i. e., at 11 a. m., and remains open until 6 p. m., except on Saturday evenings, when it is open until 9. This, it is believed, will help the school children, who can now use the library at noon. Miss Clarke, the librarian, reports that the North Side Branch will probably need more room soon.

Music scores and current magazines are circulated without charge from the Public Library.

MUSIC SCORES

An increase of 1,968 books given out in the department of fine arts during 1911 is mostly to be credited to the library of music scores. This was set up in 1910, and music lovers have used it a great deal.

During the year, with the aid of Miss A. Kathleen King, purchases were made to fill out the music score collection by adding a number of works by Schubert, Schumann, Bach, Gounod, Brahms, Wagner, Richard Strauss, Handel, Mozart, Weber, Chopin, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and other standard composers. In classical music the music score library is now fairly well supplied.

It is expected that the music score library will be of material use to the patrons of the Music Festival of 1912, by the circulation of the scores of pieces to be rendered during the festival.

To support the Public Library the first thing to do is to register a book-borrower.



TELLING STORIES TO THE CHILDREN

(Each Saturday morning in Winter there is an audience like this in the basement of the Public Library)

For a dollar a non-resident can become a book-borrower for six months.

INSURANCE AND VALUE

The cost of the building given by Mr. Carnegie to the city in 1905 was $200,000. To decorate and furnish it required $37,850 more.

The value of books at present is estimated to be:

In Reference Room, including Smith Collection	$ 66,705
In Stack Room (circulation books, not fiction)	31,099
In Local History and Genealogy Room	50,000
In Young People's Room	3,750
Fiction	4 500
Reports, Pamphlets, etc., in "Balcony"	4,250
Total	$160,304

At the August, 1911, meeting of the Trustees it was agreed that the insurance upon the building and contents should be changed, so that the books should carry more insurance.

The books in the main library are now insured for $89,500, the building for $61,500, the boiler for $10,000, books at the bindery for $500, and books at the North Side Branch for $1,500, a total of $163,000. Most of the premiums on this insurance were paid last year for three years.

Any shop or fire-station can have a travelling library with boo changed once in two weeks.



THE PERIODICAL READING ROOM

(Total attendance last year, 63,424)

The title and author of every book in the Circulation Department of the Public Library may be found on a card in the Catalogue to the left and rear of the main desk.

AN IMPORTANT PURCHASE

Through the liberality of the city administration the purchase of about 29 feet of land on Montgomery street has been made during the past year. This ground adjoins the library property, and was very much needed, both to provide for future enlargement of the building and to prevent the possible erection of a structure which would shut off the light from the young people's room and the local history room.

The cost of this valuable addition to the library property was $16,000.



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THE SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY



ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE

HOW TO GET BOOKS

IF you have reached the reading age, you can borrow books from the Public Library.

These books are free to persons living in Syracuse or working here, or going to school or college here, or owning property here.

If you don't belong to any one of these classes, you can become a borrower for six months for one dollar.

Inquire at the Main Library, (Telephone Warren 1044) or at the North Branch, (Warren 2700) for further particulars.



SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY LIBRARIAN

MAIN LIBRARY	Montgomery and Jefferson Sts.
NORTH BRANCH	Ash and Townsend Sts.
WEST END STATION	1501 W. Genesee St.
ELMWOOD STATION	Elmwood Postoffice
WESTCOTT STATION	Westcott and Dell Sts.
SOUTH SALINA STATION	Bunker's Pharmacy 2209 S. Salina St.
WOLF STREET STATION	M. Maloney & Co. 617 Wolf St.
GEDDES STREET STATION	Salt City Store 401 S. Geddes St.
SHUART STATION	Lincoln Store 219 Shuart Ave.
BELLEVUE STATION	Bellevue Heights School

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MR. SALEM HYDE

A TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY SINCE 1905
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 1909 TO OCTOBER 1910

This picture is a reproduction of a photograph of Mr. Hyde recently presented to the Library

TRUSTEES - 1913

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On Finance.....Trustees Timmins, Schoeneck, Hyde
On Books.....Trustees Petit, Smith, Librarian Mundy
On Buildings and Grounds.....Trustees Cummins, Hughes

LIBRARY STAFF

LIBRARIAN

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

Assistant Librarian.....FRANK HALL
Reading Room and Accession Department.....MARY E. TODD, Head; MARY E. LYNCH, MAY BURCHILL
Catalogue Department.....CAROLINE M. DAGGETT, Head; MARY H. WILSON
Circulation Department.....LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON, Head; MARY E. MURRAY, CORA M. CAHILL, ANNA B. CALLAHAN, WINIFRED AYLING
Reference Department.....ADA WRIGHT, Head; CARLOTTA E. BOONE, MARY H. PENDLETON
Local History Room.....MINNIE L. KELLOGG
Young People's Room.....EMILY K. MUNDY, Head; ANNA E. THOMPSON
North Branch.....ALICE R. CLARKE
Secretary to Librarian.....PAUL M. PAINE
Janitor.....GEORGE WHITE

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

	1912	Gain over 1911
Volumes added during the year	8,700	712
Books in the library	100,200	6,252
Book borrowers registered at the end of the year 1912	20,390	1,274
Average daily circulation (305 days) 1912	1,073	117
Station circulation 1912	36,110	25,123
Total books borrowed 1912	327,281	35,810



PERIODICAL READING ROOM

EXPENDITURES OF 1912

Books	$10,722.04
Serials	1,194.07
Binding	2,630.66
Repairs	125.70
Supplies	1,696.44
Heat	1,573.49
Light and Power	1,533.93
North Branch	1,235.36
Stations	639.12
Printing	580.20
Permanent Improvements	1,060.41
Insurance	85.90
Wages	19,726.23
Total	$42,803.55
Balance on hand after paying for December purchases	1,996.05
	$44,799.60
From the city	$44,499.60
From the State	300.00
	$44,799.60

In addition to this, $851.69 was received from fines, subscriptions from out of town readers, and payments for lost books, and of this $723.44 was paid in petty expenditures, leaving a balance in the "desk fund" of $128.25.

A LOOK AHEAD

TWO contrasting ideals exist in libraries. One is to make the library a storehouse of information and inspiration for those who will come to the library in search of it. This makes the reader seek the book. The other is that of book diffusion, which sends the book out to seek the reader.

The influences of the present time are towards the latter of these two ideals. The extension of the privileges of education, the conservation of childhood, the welfare of the immigrant, all the newer manifestations of democracy, point out new duties for the library. These duties were emphasized in our own case by a letter written in November, 1911, by Asa Wynkoop of the New York State Education Department, who, responding to the request of the trustees of the Syracuse Public Library, recommended a policy of publicity and extension. Mr. Wynkoop's helpful criticism may be considered as summarized in one sentence of his letter: "Is it not the legitimate function of a live library to use all the means available for quickening an interest in books and bringing to the knowledge and attention of all parts of the population the facilities which the city has provided for them?"

Since the time when Mr. Wynkoop wrote, the per capita cost of the Syracuse Public Library has declined from 36 cents to 30 cents, the cost for each dollar of valuation has declined from .38 mill to .31 mill, while the circulation of books has increased from 1.8 volumes per capita to 2.3 per capita, and the cost per volume of circulation, which was formerly 15.5, is now 13.3.

Further development in the same direction is the obvious outlook. There are large areas of the city where no library facilities are within easy reach. The extension of the stations may be expected to remedy this lack. More intimate cooperation with the schools in the circulation of good books for the young people, and even as centers of library influence for all classes of people in the neighborhood, is among the lines in which the usefulness of the library may extend.

But while the circulation of library books in Syracuse is approaching a constantly higher average and the cost of circulation per volume is declining still further the development of the library must be continued in other lines. There is no intention on the part of the trustees and the librarian of allow-



REFERENCE ROOM IN THE MAIN LIBRARY

ing the value of the library as a reference collection to diminish. More than three-quarters of the value of books in the library are books for reference rather than circulation. The purchase of the best cyclopedias, atlases, dictionaries and other works of general information, the work of aiding Syracuse University and the high schools by providing collateral reading for students in their courses, the improvement of the genealogy and local history collection, already among the best in the State, and the willing and generous assistance of every person in search of information about his trade, his profession, his amusements or his business, such are the purposes which the library should aim to serve. It should be, as one eminent librarian puts it, "the grammar and high school of the practical as well as the intellectual needs of the people."

The Library is glad to receive requests for any book not in the Library and in nearly all cases finds itself able to buy the book desired.

Fiction continues about the chief diet of library patrons. In Syracuse last year 76% of the circulation was fiction.

CLOTHES FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

NEARLY 4,000 volumes from this library last year had to go back to the tailor to be measured for new suits at a cost of more than $1,600. The rebinding of books is one of the important tasks of a circulation library; the Syracuse Public Library finds that it rebound 583 volumes more in 1912 than in 1911 at a cost of $312.16, less than was paid in 1911. Most of the rebinding is in accordance with the specifications of the American Library Association. The average book, when it comes from the publishers, is a handsome thing with a bright cloth cover and an air of immaculate freshness. After it has been in the hands of two or three readers it loses this appearance, and when it has been loaned a dozen times, particularly if it happens to be a juvenile, it begins to look the worse for wear. The flimsy strip of cloth which attaches the book to the cover is probably loose; the glue between the back of the sheets and the back of the book is probably cracked and some of the leaves are probably at large. A visit to the mending room of the library, where more than 5,000 volumes were temporarily repaired last year at a cost for materials of only $4.23, helps matters, but after a few more visits to the homes of library patrons the book must be thoroughly resewn and rebound at a cost of perhaps one-third its original price. The Syracuse Public Library finds it far better, whenever it is possible, to have the book put in durable clothing before it goes into circulation, at a cost less than that of rebinding. Any one of half a dozen establishments in different parts of the country make it a business to buy books from the publishers and put them into specially made library bindings and provide volumes which will outlast three or four of the pretty but unsubstantial specimens of the publishers' art.



THE TRADE EDITION VS. THE LIBRARY BINDING

After eight readers had used the book shown on the left, it was a wreck. The book on the right, rebound according to American Library Association methods, is still sound, after going out thirty-five times.



EXTENSIONS OF THE LIBRARY

THE STATIONS

THE policy of extending the usefulness of the public library by setting up library "stations" here and there in the city was followed up during 1912 with a good deal of success.

The Westcott station, located in the Lawrence Pharmacy at the corner of Westcott and Dell Streets, began operations with the first of the year and showed a circulation of 9,334 at its close.

In April a station was established in South Salina Street in the pharmacy of W. B. Bunker, and also one in the Walker Bake Shop in West Genesee Street, just beyond the canal bridge. The South Salina station circulated 4,948 books during nine months of 1912, and the West End station, now under the management of Mrs. Margaret Ryan, circulated 6,012 books during the same period. This, together with the circulation of the former West End station, gave a total of 9,467 books circulated by stations in the West End during the year.

The Wolf Street station, established in the Maloney store near Third North Street, was established in July and immediately sprang into popularity, circulating 3,794 books during the last six months of 1912.

In October a station was established in the store of Frank J. Lyons at 401 South Geddes Street.

The total circulation of these little neighborhood libraries amounted to 36,110 during the year, as compared with 10,987, which was the station circulation for the year before. Since the total gain in circulation for the library was 35,810, it appears that two-thirds of the growth in usefulness of the Public Library last year was due to this simple method of getting the books to the people, the result for which the generous efforts of the station librarians is largely responsible.

Study of the City Map shows us a number of places which are still remote from library facilities. The policy of providing these places with supplies of books will be continued. Applications for the establishment of stations should be made by letter to the librarian of the Public Library.

"The Public Library," says Librarian Dana of Newark, N. J., "is the broadest of teachers, one may say the only free teacher. It is the most liberal of schools; it is the only real people's college. It can freely tell all known facts about any question. It begins with the youngest, and when a man is old it is still ready and able to instruct him. It answers fairly all who want to know. It leads us to want to know."



A MARTYR TO THE CAUSE

What happens to a book that "makes a hit" with our readers. Better binding would have prolonged its life.

THE NORTH BRANCH

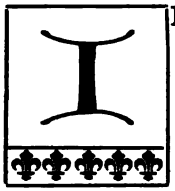
Improvements in the equipment of the library at Townsend and Ash Streets were made during 1912 and the library was strengthened by the accession of a number of books in the German language furnishing supplementary reading for high school students in the third and fourth year German classes. Magazines are now circulated from the North Branch as well as books. During the coming year the North Branch Library expects to set up a collection of books in the Italian language including some reading for the Italian children. The figures showing the circulation of the North Branch Library prove that it is appreciated by the community surrounding it.

Traveling Libraries are established in engine houses, shops, schools, charitable institutions. Applications for traveling libraries will be welcome.

Every family in the city contributes to the support of the library. Every family should be represented in the list of borrowers of books.

About a thousand music scores and at least 500 copies, in all, of 30 different magazines are circulated as books from the main library.

A BRIEF HISTORY



N the seventh annual report of the Board of Education of the City of Syracuse for the year ending March 25, 1855, appears this paragraph: "Common Council has contracted for a bookcase to accommodate the books of the Central Library for years to come and the library will be open to the public by the first of May."

During the year ending March 25, 1858, it was recommended by the superintendent of schools and the clerk of the Board of Education that the Central Library and the nine district libraries be consolidated, the librarian to be the superintendent of schools. The Central Library thus constructed contained 3,000 volumes.

During 1857-58-59 a course of free lectures was given in connection with the library.

In 1862 John Strachan was made assistant to the superintendent of schools and put in charge of the library.

In March, 1863, Patrick McCarthy was made assistant librarian and continued in charge until his death in 1870.

William McCarthy was librarian in 1870-71.

John S. Clark served from 1872-76.

Mary A. Gambia was librarian from 1876-79.

April 19, 1869, the library moved from the City Hall building to the High School.

Ezekiel W. Mundy became librarian in 1880.

In February, 1893, a commission was appointed to place the library under the charge of the regents of the University of the State of New York. The committee consisted of Giles H. Stilwell, President of the Board of Education; Seckel Bronner, Jacob Amos, Mayor James K. McGuire, Nicholas Peters, Jr., Horace White and A. B. Blodgett, Superintendent of Schools.

July 15, 1894, the library was moved from the High School to a building on the corner of Montgomery and Jefferson Streets. In March, 1898, an amendment to the charter was passed giving the library "not more than 2% and not less than 2% of the tax budget." In the same month the plan for an addition to the library building, was submitted and the work was completed in the same year at a cost of $8,000.

June 15, 1900, the library was moved to temporary quarters. The reference library was located in the University Block and the circulation department at the corner of Jefferson and Grape Streets, the building now occupied by the Syracuse Boys' Club, Andrew Carnegie having offered to provide the city with a new library building. The Carnegie building was put into use March 23, 1904.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY wants to be of use to everybody in Syracuse who is in search of information. Among its hundred thousand books there is something for everybody who can read the English language, and there are books too in German, French, Italian, Yiddish and Polish. The Library exists for the purpose not only of providing books but also of helping people to use them, and the members of the library staff will be glad to answer questions from anybody who wants to know what book to read, where to look for something in a book or magazine, or how to begin or carry on a course of reading. Call at the main building in Montgomery street, or at the North Branch, or telephone Warren 1044.

HOURS OF OPENING

The Main Library at Montgomery and Jefferson Streets is open daily from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. week days during the winter. It is open on Sundays from 2 P. M. to 6 P. M. during the winter. In the summer it is closed evenings and Sundays.

The North Branch Library is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. and on other days, except Sunday, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. During the past year the Main Library and the North Branch were closed on eight legal holidays.

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THE SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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"The Public Library answers fairly
all who want to know."

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HOW TO GET BOOKS

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The Library wants your patronage.

The Library's purpose:

"Bringing to all the people the books which belong to them."

THE SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This Library began its work March 25 1855.
It was moved from City Hall to the High School in 1869, and from there to Montgomery and Jefferson streets in 1894.
In March 1898 an amendment to the charter was passed, giving the library "not more than 2½% and not less than 2% of the tax budget."
The Carnegie Building was put in use March 23 1904 at a cost, including furnishing and additional ground, of $268,000.

TRUSTEES

EX-OFFICIO

LOUIS WILL, MAYOR — PERCY M. HUGHES, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

APPOINTED

DOUGLAS E. PETIT — SALEM HYDE — JOHN J. CUMMINS

GEORGE TIMMINS — J. WILLIAM SMITH

COMMITTEES

Finance.....Trustees Timmins, Will, Hyde

Books.....Trustees Petit, Smith, Librarian Mundy

Buildings and Grounds.....Trustees Cummins, Hughes

AIDS TO INTELLIGENCE

IN a good many ways outside of the use of books the Public Library is enabled to make itself useful in its community. It should be in fact a place to come to ask questions on any subject with a fair chance of getting the answer.

A certain line of questions are answered by the bulletins of the Drama League of America, to be found in the Periodical Reading Room. The League gives its approval to plays which come up to its standard and invites its patrons and the public to patronize them.

Another set of questions is answered by the new map, which has been mounted on a large standard in the corridor on the second floor. All the interurban trolley lines centering in Syracuse are shown on this map as well as all the highroads, villages, streams, elevations and depressions in the earth's surface, and indeed most of the buildings as well. This map is made up of the topographical sheets of the U. S. Geological Survey. On a scale of an inch to the mile, it requires five feet to show the space between Oswego and Cortland and eleven feet to show the space between Rochester and Utica. The Library is indebted to the Engineering Departments of the New York State Railways, the Syracuse & Suburban Railroad Company and the Empire United Railways Company, Limited, for their valuable help in the preparation of this map.

The Library also supplies the information contained in the bulletins of the Weather Bureau, in the publications of the seedsmen and nurserymen and in the guides for travellers and vacation seekers published by railroads and steamboat companies.

A quantity of "Messages to Newcomers," published by the North American Civic League for Immigrants, have been placed in the library for distribution. They are printed in English, Yiddish, Italian and Hungarian, and they give in brief form the information which a newcomer most needs to get in making his home in this country.

RESULTS AT THE NORTH BRANCH

The weekly reports sent into the main library by Miss Clarke, the Librarian at the North Branch at Townsend and Ash streets have shown a steady and encouraging growth in the usefulness of that library. The circulation in 1913 shows a gain of 20 per cent over the previous year, and 1914 will show a still greater advance. The circulation at the North Branch now approximates 1,000 a week during the winter season. This year will probably double the circulation of five years ago.

More liberal provision for new books and more careful attention to the needs of the community are responsible for the progress that is being made.

The North Branch now contains a German Library comprising books in all departments of reading, and this library is being constantly strengthened and enlarged by the latest and best books, fiction and otherwise, now being published in Germany.

The demand for books in Italian outruns the supply at the North Branch. Additions will be made in the aid of Italian readers from time to time.

THE STATIONS

The station circulation for 1913 was:

Westcott	10,205
West End	8,944
South Salina	8,040
Wolf Street	7,630
Elmwood	5,811
Geddes	5,766
Bellevue	4,318
Shuart	3,923
Total	54,637

This total, compared with 36,110 for 1912 and 10,987 for 1911, vindicates the policy of library extension through deposit stations. This policy will be continued as opportunity for new stations presents itself.

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

The collection of material to show what progress is being made in city government has been going on in the Syracuse Public Library with considerable success during the past year and a number of new books on municipal topics have been bought for the special purpose of a Municipal Reference Library. A large number of pamphlets, maps and printed matter with reference to the smaller cities of the United States has been collected in the Main Reference Room. The library expects to see a steady increase in the importance and value of this department.

EXPENDITURES OF 1913

Books	$12,586.50
Serials	2,288.39
Binding	2,688.72
Repairs	81.66
Supplies	2,105.18
Heat	1,571.28
Light and Power	1,180.80
North Branch	1,355.50
Stations	749.30
Printing	1,110.15
Permanent Improvements	1,474.60
Insurance	87.90
Wages	21,227.48
	$48,407.46

DEPARTMENT COSTS

The cost of maintaining the different departments last year was approximately as follows:

Reading Room	$ 3,700
Main Circulation	22,400
Young People's Room	4,700
North Branch	3,350
Stations	5,600
Reference Room	6,750
Local History	1,900

This includes all the purposes for which money was paid out last year.

READING AT HOME

During 1913 the circulation of books for home reading amounted to 362,175. This means a steady growth of about 35,000 a year for the past two years and an annual increase in circulation of about 11 per cent. The circulation for the different departments under which our books are classified was

Fiction	273,208
General Works	1,794
Philosophy	3,360
Religion	4,133
Sociology	11,098
Language	449
Science	6,518
Useful Arts	10,653
Fine Arts	9,582
Literature	12,399
Travel	10,470
Biography	7,689
History	10,822
	362,175

The largest daily circulation for 1913 was on February 8th, when 2,032 books were issued. The total circulation from the main desk was 211,529 and total circulation from the Young People's Room was 58,522, the entire juvenile circulation for the year being 88,138.

OUT OF TOWN PATRONS

Last September the trustees permitted the librarian to reduce the fees for out of town borrowers from $2 a year to $1 a year. With the aid of a number of editors of weekly newspapers throughout Onondaga county this opportunity was brought to the attention of the public in the vicinity, and 44 new names were enrolled as borrowers from out of town.

Such borrowers have all the rights and privileges of Syracuse members of the library. Arrangements will be made with those who desire it for the sending and returning of books by parcel post.

WHERE QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED

To maintain the Reference Room last year, including the cost of new books, the cost of binding, salaries, wages and all the incidentals of maintenance, the library spent $6,750. This is about one-seventh of the total cost of conducting the library, but the importance of the Reference Room is far greater than this proportion would indicate. In a former report it was shown that the value of books in the Reference Room, including the Smith collection, amounts to nearly $67,000. The very large and complete assortment of bound magazines with the necessary guides for turning to any article in any of them, a thorough modern equipment of atlases, dictionaries, encyclopaedias and transactions of historical and scientific societies, the valuable, practical and beautiful books on art and architecture, complete sets of standard authors in all departments of literature, books of quotations, books of biographies of living persons in this country and in England, and complete files of the remarkable daily paper called the Congressional Record are among the items provided in the Reference Room.

Worthy of special mention is the collection of agricultural publications from Washington and from the different state departments of agriculture. The value of these will be greatly increased by a complete agricultural card catalogue ordered from the Library of Congress.

Besides providing for the use of these sources of information, the Reference Room makes out reading lists on any subjects suggested by patrons of the library, answers questions by telephone if the inquirer does not wish to climb the stairs, assists young men and women in their choice of a college by supplying them with college catalogues, loans for a limited time plays from its dramatic collection, aids candidates for civil service examinations and borrows from the University of the State of New York lantern slides and photographs for the use of study clubs or church organizations, with no expense except transportation charges.

The Reference Department desires in every way to foster the feeling that the public is welcome to its use as a study room and an information bureau.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

The most joyful place in the Public Library is the Young People's Room. The enthusiasm of those who have just begun to learn the delights of good reading and find themselves surrounded with what looks like an unlimited store of treasures gives to this department of the library a unique and romantic interest.

The Young People's Department of the Syracuse Public Library is making wise and generous use of its opportunities. The circulation in 1913 amounted to 88,138, a gain of 11% over the previous year and as is shown elsewhere in this report the cost per volume of circulation in the Young People's Department is less than in any other part of the library. But this is by no means the whole story. The Young People's Department has several other important tasks beside giving out books to children to be read at home. It has a special collection of books for parents, volumes of poetry, of legends and of other sorts of reading especially suitable for reading to children or for the use of those who have the care of children.

The Department has its own reference collection. Complete sets of the leading magazines for young people and such sources of information and inspiration as the Children's Hour, the Book of Knowledge, and Every Child Should Know are part of what this little reference room contains. A special appeal to young folks of high school age is made by Sir Walter Scott, the elder Dumas, Peary, Nansen and the other friends and heroes of young people. The delightful education which comes to children through the use of the drama is offered to them in a large collection of books of plays for children's use; and the growing desire on the part of girls as well as boys to become skilful in the use of their hands is answered by the handicraft books in the Young People's Department. Attention has been given during the year to the education of the child in the appreciation of what is beautiful in books. A number of the best examples of illustration in color by French and German as well as American and English artists have been provided for use on the premises.

A separate chapter could be written about the Story Hour. It has been extended since the last report by co-operation with the schools for a special Story Hour on Friday afternoons for the use particularly of the little folks whose parents have lately arrived in America. The Saturday Story Hour, open to all who care to come, has unfolded the legends of King Arthur to attentive and enthusiastic audiences.

LOCAL HISTORY

At an annual cost of less than $2,000 the library maintains in the Department of Genealogy and Local History, a collection of books which has a more than local reputation. Students of these subjects come from distant parts of the state to consult the books of this department. The history of American localities and the American families is preserved here in a collection valued at $50,000. It has its own catalogue and is in charge of an expert librarian. Its use is free to the public.

TEN CENTS A VOLUME

A careful analysis of the cost of circulation of books by the Syracuse Public Library gives the following figures:

	Cost	Circulation
Main	$22,424	216,133
Stations	5,623	54,637
Juvenile	4,719	58,522
North Branch	3,394	32,883
	$36,160	362,175

These figures show that the business of circulating books amounts to three quarters of the cost of the library, and that counting in every item of expense including insurance, janitor service, the heating and lighting of the building and the cost of the books themselves, the circulation of books for home reading in Syracuse costs the public a little less than ten cents a volume.

LOANING MAGAZINES

Twenty-seven different magazines are kept in the reading room in serviceable covers, with enough copies of each to loan to all who desire copies to take home. They are loaned just as books are, but for the latest issues only three days at a time. On March 4, 1913, a record was made when 104 of these borrowed magazines went out of the library. The total for the year was 14,079.

WHERE BOOKS CAN BE HAD

Main Library.....Montgomery and Jefferson Streets
EZEKIEL W. MUNDY, Librarian
North Branch.....Ash and Townsend Streets
Alice R. Clarke, Librarian
West End Station, Mason & Baker..1501 West Genesee Street
Elmwood Station, W. S. Warren.....950 Cortland Avenue
Westcott Station, A. H. Lawrence...Westcott and Dell Streets
South Salina Station, Bunker's Pharmacy..2209 S. Salina St.
Wolf Street Station, M. Maloney & Co.....617 Wolf Street
Geddes Street Station, Salt City Store...401 South Geddes St.
Shuart Station, Anna B. Sloan.....Lincoln School
Bellevue Station, Julia Miller.....Bellevue Heights School
James Street Station, A. E. Root's Drug Store..1935 James St.
Clinton Station, Clinton School.....606 Lodi Street

GUIDES FOR READERS

The most important event of the past year in periodical literature has been the introduction of guides and aids to the use of newspapers and magazines. The most notable of these is the New York Times Index. This appears quarterly. By referring to it one can find the date and page for any news event that has happened during the preceding three months. With the aid of the complete file of the New York Times, which is kept in the library, this gives us an accessible history of current events. Editorials of importance, book reviews, dramatic criticisms and special articles are also indexed in this remarkable guide, which is a valuable reference book in itself, being a complete diary of the news.

The "Index to Dates," appearing monthly, covers somewhat the same ground at shorter intervals and has an annual edition covering the entire year.

The New York Evening Post announces an index to its editorial page which will be of value to those who are interested in following the course of one of the great leaders of newspaper opinion in America.

In addition to these, the Periodical Reading Room of the Syracuse Public Library is supplied with the Readers' Guide, which keeps track of the material appearing in the magazines, and the Industrial Arts Index for the special use of those who desire to consult periodicals dealing with engineering and industrial topics.

AN INVITATION

THE Main Library (Warren 1044), the North Branch (Warren 2700), and all the library stations can be reached by telephone. Inquiries and suggestions are always welcome.

The library desires to be of the greatest possible use to the public, and asks the friendly co-operation of all who are interested in good reading. Every family in the city should have a borrower's card.

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YEAR BOOK

SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY, LIBRARIAN



1914-1915

"He that loves reading hath everything within his reach."



LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Main Library, Montgomery and Jefferson Sts.....Tel. Warren 1044
EZEKIEL W. MUNDY, Librarian

North Branch, Ash and Townsend Sts.....Tel. James 2700
ALICE R. CLARKE, Librarian

West End Station, Porter School St. Marks Square
Elmwood Station, Julia E. McCarthy, Elmwood School, 1022 Cortland Ave
Westcott Station, A. H. Lawrence Westcott and Dell Sts
South Salina Station, Bunker's Pharmacy.....2209 South Salina St
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TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library contains seven members, who serve without pay. Two of these, the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools, are members ex officio. The remaining five members are appointed, one each year for a term of five years.

The present board is made up as follows:

EX OFFICIO

LOUIS WILL	Mayor
PERCY M. HUGHES	Superintendent of Schools

APPOINTED

	Term expires July 31,
SALEM HYDE	1915
GEORGE TIMMINS	1916
J. WILLIAM SMITH	1917
DOUGLAS E. PETIT	1918
J. HENRY CASSIDY	1919

COMMITTEES

Finance—Trustees Timmins, Cassidy, Hyde
Books—Trustees Petit, Hyde, Librarian Mundy
Buildings and Grounds—Trustees Smith, Hughes

EMPLOYEES

LIBRARIAN

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

FIRST ASSISTANT

PAUL M. PAINE

SECOND ASSISTANT

FRANK HALL

READING ROOM ORDER AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT

MARY E. TODD, *Head* — MARY E. LYNCH — MAY BURCHELL

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT

CAROLINE M. DAGGETT, *Head* — MARY H. WILSON

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

LYDIA G. SHRIMPTON, *Head* — MARY E. MURRAY — CORA M. CAHILL
ANNA B. CALLAHAN — WINIFRED AYLING

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

ADA WRIGHT, *Head* — CARLOTTA E. BOON — MARY BABCOCK

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

MINNIE L. KELLOGG

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROOM

EMILY K. MUNDY, *Head* — FREIDA F. GATES
ANNA E. THOMPSON, (*in charge also of mending and binding*)

NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

ALICE R. CLARKE, *Librarian* — KATE E. FRENCH

JANITOR SERVICE

GEORGE WHITE, *Superintendent of Building*
LEWIS DAVIS, *Fireman* — WILLIAM BRIGGS — HERBERT WOOD
A. O. MARTIN — CLARA COWLES — MRS. M. O'MARA

LIBRARY FUNDS

The main support of the Syracuse Public Library comes from the taxation of property in Syracuse. The statute under which the Library is maintained calls for an annual appropriation amounting to not less than two per cent. and not more than two and one-half per cent. of the city budget.

Our library appropriations, however, seldom reach this minimum but depend largely upon the good will of the administration and its sympathy with the work and purposes of the library. The money received from the city and state appropriation during 1914 is accounted for as follows:

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Appropriation	$45,000.00	Books	$10,229.97
Appropriation from Albany...	400.00	Serials	414.44
		Binding	2,198.29
		Repairs	344.96
		Supplies	1,950.11
		Heat	1,639.79
		Light and power..	1,213.45
		North Branch	1,625.18
		Stations	805.50
		Printing	759.50
		P. improvements ..	658.81
		Insurance	1,717.30
		Wages	21,842.70
	$45,400.00		$45,400.00

This statement accounts for all the funds that were received from public sources during the year

OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME

In addition to these, the treasury of the Public Library benefits by a number of small rivulets of income from various directions. Chief among these is the income from fines for overdue books. This item, along with money received for books that were lost, amounted to about $1,000 last year.

The Syracuse Public Library sold to the State Library at Albany a collection of English Parish Records which were becoming too unwieldy for our Genealogy Department. This, together with the amount received from out-of-town sub-

"A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life."

MILTON.



At Work at the Main Desk

scriptions, from the medical societies for the expense of maintaining their meeting room on the top floor of the Carnegie Building, and other small items resulted last year in a total of $1,569.63.

WHERE THE FINE MONEY GOES

The expenditures from this petty cash fund during the year were as follows.

Books	$ 38.11
Serials	602.48
Repairs	13.10
Supplies	375.63
North Branch	92.98
Permanent improvements	250.00
Wages	369.95
Total	$1,742.25

In spending the fine money the largest item was a payment for magazines in the Reading Room. Nearly all of these are taken through one Syracuse agency and about two-thirds of the expenditure for 1915 was made as shown above from the petty cash fund. Some of the miscellaneous expenditures were

postage $56.95, and adding machine $150. Getting back overdue books is an item of expense very properly charged against the petty cash fund. Transportation, mainly street car fares, cost about $20, and $67.75 was paid out at the main desk for flowers for decoration purposes. Of the $369.75 paid out for wages, $85 represents money advanced to members of the janitor force and returned to the petty cash fund when the monthly wage checks were received from the city treasurer. The rest of the money paid for wages out of the petty cash fund was mostly in small sums paid to substitutes, apprentices and messengers. All these names appear on the supplementary pay roll duly certified by the civil service commission.

A balance of $592.24 remained in the petty cash fund at the end of the year. Of this $300 has been paid for binding since January 1.

THE "OVERHEAD" CHARGE

Getting a book into the home of a patron of the library requires the services of a number of workers. To find out promptly what books are being published and what books are suitable is the first task. To find out whether the book that is being considered is or is not already in the library or whether an order has already been placed is a work of some difficulty in a collection of 114,000 books, a great many of which at any given moment are absent from the shelves. Ordering the book from the dealer, keeping a complete, accurate and handy record of the transaction, examining it after it arrives to see that it is in perfect condition, paying for it, entering it in the daily record of books "accessioned," cataloguing it by author, title and in many cases by subject, preparing the library card and the rest of the equipment that is necessary before the book goes into circulation, charging it to the borrower, discharging it when it is returned, and keeping watch of it when it is overdue, repairing and rebinding it when the time comes, and finally withdrawing it if necessary when it is no longer useful, such is the life history of a book in the circulation department of a public library.

This accounts for the fact that the "overhead charges," so called, are a large part of the expense of conducting a public library.

But the Syracuse Public Library does not exist solely for the purpose of circulating books. It has two other very im-

portant duties: that of supplying magazines and other periodicals to those who use the Reading Room, and that of maintaining a small university under the name of the Reference Department. Books and other material not to be taken from the building are collected in the Local History Room, the Reference Room, the Municipal Department in the Reading Room, the Young People's Room and the North Branch.

Careful estimates show that one-quarter of the cost of maintaining the library goes for the support of the Reading Room and the Reference Collections.

COST OF CIRCULATION, 1914

To find out what it costs to buy a book, prepare it for circulation and to put it in the hands of the borrower and get it back, it is assumed the same amount of labor is required for each book that enters the library. By finding out how many books were bought for each of the departments in the course of a year and by dividing the charges for wages and salaries in their proper proportions, the cost of a unit of circulation in each department can be found. By " unit of circulation " we mean one visit of one book to the home of a borrower. This includes not only the cost of the book and the work which is put upon it but the expense of heat, light, insurance, repairs and all maintenance charges connected with the library for the year 1914. The circulation cost of a book was 8.2 cents, as compared with 10 cents for the year before. It is found that the circulation of books through library stations is the least expensive sort of circulation.

" Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry."—C. E. NORTON.



A Corner of the Young People's Room

BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

From the Young People's Department in the Public Library last year there was a circulation of 65,268, a gain of more than ten per cent. over the year before. The library regards this growth as a satisfactory evidence of progress. One of the most important phases of the modern library is the work of supplying books to children, and no branch of public activity is carried on with more enjoyment and enthusiasm. The delight of good writers in writing books for children, the eagerness of young readers to possess themselves of the treasures which the modern library can furnish, find an echo in the loving zeal of those who are privileged to minister to the needs of these young people and influence their choice of books.

In the Young People's Department of the Syracuse Public Library one or two changes took place during 1914, one being the transfer of the station libraries and the traveling libraries from the Main Circulation Department to the Young People's Department. Miss Mundy now has charge of these two departments of the work of the library in addition to the work of the Young People's Room.

The change seemed especially suitable because a good part of the circulation from library stations now consists of books for young people. This in turn has resulted from the establishment of public library stations in public schools. In each case a teacher specially chosen for the purpose is made directly responsible for the distribution of books. Both in quality and quantity, the circulation thus obtained has been satisfactory.

More than five thousand young people are enrolled as borrowers in the Young People's Room. Aside from fiction, which leads in popularity, books of history, of travel, and of handicraft have been popular. There has been a large demand for books which tell about childhood in foreign lands.

THE BULLETIN

Four times a year a Library Bulletin is published containing the titles of most of the books which have come into the library during the preceding quarter. This periodical is free to book borrowers who inquire for it at the main desk. It will be mailed anywhere for a subscription price of 25 cents a year.

MAPS IN THE REFERENCE ROOM

Two hundred maps of cities were acquired by gift or purchase for the Reference Room during the past year. These were secured to meet a practical need. Maps of smaller cities are not generally to be found in atlases or encyclopedias, and to get them in separate form it has been necessary to correspond with chambers of commerce and municipal authorities. The collection so far secured represents places of 50,000 and over throughout the United States, and of 10,000 or over in New York State. The collection will be enlarged as our means for buying and facilities for filing maps increase.

Atlases and maps form an important part of the Reference Library.



Reference Room in the Main Library

In this collection are, among others, the world atlases published by Rand, McNally & Co., Cram, and the Century company, the German atlases of Stieler, and Andree, distinguished by superior accuracy, fulness and general makeup, Bartholomew's atlas of the world's commerce, showing products and commercial conditions of the countries, and Philips' mercantile marine atlas specially designed for merchants and importers.

There are maps in the collection which come from various private publishing firms, from the United States General Land Office, and from State and United States Geological Surveys, and which show agriculture, geology, topography, history, railroads and trolley lines in addition to the usual map information. Of the topographic sheets of the United States Geological Survey we have those which cover the New England and Middle States, and we shall add to the number as there

"I love everything that's old—old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wine."—GOLDSMITH.

comes a demand for maps of the territory further west and south.

LANTERN SLIDES

The Reference Department consented more than a year ago to be a medium through which the lantern slides and photographs of the New York State Education Department may be secured for free instruction and entertainment. The department keeps on file the catalogues and lists of slides, also blanks for use of applicants, and is glad to be of service to the patrons of the library in securing these valuable educational aids at no cost to the applicant beyond transportation charges.

A MEMORIAL TO MR. COWIE

As a memorial to the late William Cowie, a statuette of Robert Burns was formally presented to the library on October 7, 1914, the poet's birthday. The work is a reduced copy in bronze of the statue by J. Massey Rhinds. It was presented by two Syracuse friends of Mr. Cowie, who are trustees of the library. Mr. Cowie's book of verse, "Latter Day Poems," his wide popularity and his undying interest in all that pertains to Scotland, the Scottish people, and Scotland's great poet had earned for him the title, "the Bobbie Burns of Syracuse."

The statue was unveiled in the presence of members of the Caledonian Club, representatives of the city administration, the University, the Library, and friends and kinsfolk of Mr. Cowie. The unveiling was done by William Cowie Haight, Mr. Cowie's grandson.

The statue stands on a pedestal in the corridor of the library to the left of the main entrance and opposite the bust of Mr. Carnegie, the donor of the building. It is one of the choicest of the many testimonials of the kindly interest which the Syracuse Public Library has had from its friends.

In his address of dedication, Mr. Salem Hyde paid an appropriate tribute to the poet, to Mr. Cowie, to the donors of the memorial, and to the library.

"Literature is the greatest of all sources of refined pleasure."—HUXLEY.

THE REPORT FOR 1914

The American Library Association has invited public libraries throughout the country to co-operate in a standard form of report for library statistics and to print these statistics for the information of the community which the library serves. The following information is therefore submitted on behalf of the Syracuse Public Library:

Annual report for year ending December, 1914.

Population served, 137,249 by census of 1910.

Subscription for out-of-town borrowers, $1.00 a year.

Total number of agencies: one branch, ten stations, three shops, one high school, eleven fire houses.

Number of days open during the year, 350.

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. of volumes at beginning of year	104,187	5,000	109,187
No. of volumes added by purchase	5,319	1,223	6,542
No. of volumes added by gift or exchange	694	10	704
No. of volumes added by binding material	392		392
No. of volumes lost or withdrawn	1,512	902	2,414
Total number at end of year	109,080	5,331	114,411

Number of pamphlets at beginning of year	3,205
Number of pamphlets added during year	250
Total number of pamphlets at end of year	3,455

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	242,262	64,721	306,983
Total number of volumes lent for home use	319,482	87,288	406,770

Number of volumes sent to agencies	4,577
Magazine circulation	13,213

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during the year	5,050	1,871	6,921
Total number of registered borrowers	20,364	5,046	25,410

Registration period, three years.

REPORT FOR 1914—CONTINUED

Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received, 553 titles, 597 copies.

Number of persons using library for reading and study, 77,520.

RECEIPTS FROM

Unexpended balance in petty cash funds	$ 764.86
Local taxation	45,000.00
State grants	400.00
Membership fees	71.00
Fines and sale of publications	1,003.27
Other sources	495.36
Total	$47,734.49

Maintenance: PAYMENTS FOR

Books	$10,268.08
Periodicals	1,016.92
Binding	2,198.2
Salaries, library service	19,083.15
Salaries, janitor service	4,528.00
Rent	533.36
Heat	919.79
Light	1,213.45
Other maintenance	6,472.23
Total maintenance	$46,233.27
Extraordinary, such as permanent improvements	908.98
Balance in petty cash funds January 1, 1915	592.24
Total	$47,734.49

"The monarchist boasts more bayonets, the republican more books."—CARNEGIE.

"Beneath the rule of men entirely great
The pen is mightier than the sword."

LORD LYTTON.



The Librarians Desk at the North Branch Library

THE NORTH BRANCH

Nineteen fourteen was the most successful year in the history of the North Branch Library. Improvements in the equipment and appearance of the rooms, liberality in the purchase of books, diligent efforts to attract readers from the vicinity have had their effect. The circulation for the year was 43,184, as compared with 32,833 for 1913 and 27,229 for 1912. The use of the North Branch Library for reference purposes is growing. Students from the city's educational institutions, and individuals who are pursuing courses of reading and study independently are using the North Branch Library in increasing numbers. As there is a steady growth in the circulation of books in the German language and also in the circulation of Italian books, new German and Italian books will be provided during the current year.

THE LITTLE LIBRARIES

In answering the public demand to have library books at one's elbow, the Syracuse Public Library has within the past three years established deposit stations in ten different locali-

ties about the city. Two of these are in neighborhoods which already had library stations.

The most successful of these stations are those which have been established in public schools, as the following figures for station circulation for 1914 show:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Lincoln	1391	4269	5660
South Salina	7365	1796	9161
Bellevue	3016	3961	6977
Clinton	1299	2185	3484
Geddes	6226		6226
James	5374	1385	6759
West End	4455	1363	5818
Westcott	7326	1920	9246
Wolf	5722	1655	7377
Elmwood	2762	998	3760

The station circulation for 1913 was 54,637. Last year it was 64,468. Much of this growth was due to library stations in public schools. In the new buildings now under consideration, provisions will be made in each case for a special room for library purposes. Such a room is already in use in Elmwood school as a library station, and the new Delaware school which when completed will be one of the most elaborate school buildings in the city, will make even more generous provisions for this purpose.

The difficulty is, as the figures show, to get the grown people to go to the school-house for library books. When this prejudice, an outgrowth of the antiquated and wasteful traditions of the past, has been overcome the Syracuse Public Library hopes to show that the public school is the best of places for a neighborhood circulating library.

BINDING AND REPAIRING

The binding and repairing of books is constantly going on in a library whose main business is circulation. Not only is it necessary to retire from circulation books that have been purchased in so called trade editions and send them to the bindery for work which ought to have been done by the original publisher, but the natural wear and tear on a book which has made from thirty to sixty visits to homes of borrowers is enough to make repairs necessary in most cases if indeed there is enough left to be worth the binder's attention. In addition



Two Styles of Library Binding

(The book on the right shows the method used in good binderies to lengthen the life of a library book.)

to this each library makes a good many books of its own out of what may be called raw material. Of the 6,542 volumes added to the Public Library in 1914, 392 were made by binding magazines and other material into book form.

This work of binding along with the repairing which is done by members of the library staff now constitutes a separate department in the Syracuse Public Library. A total of 11,693 books were mended in this department during 1914. The following statement shows the number of books bound and the cost of the work:

Adult	1,680	$ 840.50
Juvenile	779	353.92
North Branch	121	69.30
Reference	439	543.55
Local History	84	80.50
Traveling	314	150.72
	3,417	$2,038.49

The Syracuse Public Library favors the use of what is called legal buckram for binding material. It is less expensive than leather. There is a general impression among librarians that it withstands gas, heat and dust much better than the leather.

Representatives of the Syracuse Public Library during the past year have been in close touch with the best magazine authorities on library binding.

"To enjoy reading is to transform wearisome hours into delightful ones."—MONTESQUIEU.

THE MUNICIPAL REFERENCE COLLECTION

In connection with the Reading Room a Municipal Reference collection was begun in 1914, and was placed in charge of Miss Todd, head of the Periodical, Order and Accession Department.

The purpose is to gather information about cities for the use of public officials, civic organizations and all citizens interested in municipal problems. Most of the material in this collection consists of pamphlets, clippings and excerpts, so it is impossible to state the resources already at hand. 180 books have been added, some of these books having been transferred from other departments. Most of the pamphlet literature is not accessioned or catalogued but is so classified that a reference to a desired subject can be made readily. Pamphlets are filed along with the books in pamphlet boxes or envelopes. On some subjects we have collected as many as fifty pamphlets and excerpts, while others will be represented by only one title. Most of the pamphlets and city reports have been acquired at no expense to the library.

The collection covers a wide range of subjects, all relating to social, economic and civic activities.

The following list will show the resources possible to such a collection:

1. Local documents.
 - *(a)* Statutes of the State relative to cities.
 - *(b)* Ordinances of the city.
 - *(c)* Report of local officers.
 - *(d)* Report of local organizations.
2. Reports from other cities.
 - *(a)* Special investigations of municipal authorities, organizations or individuals.
 - *(b)* Those which have any suggestion for local application.
3. Works by best authorities in matters which are subject of municipal activity.
4. Works by municipal experts.
5. Publications of associations organized to study activities of cities, etc.
6. Magazines and newspapers. Timely articles clipped and filed.
7. First hand information.

Lists of special collections on such subjects as Public Markets, City Planning, and School Buildings are printed from time to time in the Library Bulletin.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

	Year	Total Circulation	Volumes Added	Withdrawn and Lost	In Library	Money Expended
	1855		200			$
	1857		471		5,154	
	1861	25,000	400			
	1870	24,310	2,659		10,000	4,671.92
	1875	41,623	491		13,791	3,162.75
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THE Library desires to be of the greatest possible use to the greatest possible number of people. We ask the friendly co-operation of all lovers of good reading.

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The Librarian Emeritus



EZEKIEL W. MUNDY, LITT. D.

Librarian from 1880 to 1915

Now Librarian Emeritus and Consulting Expert

Ezekiel Wilson Mundy was born June 16, 1833, near Metuchen, N. J. He earned his living in different employments between the ages of 15 and 23, when he went to the University of Rochester. He was graduated there with the A. B. degree in 1860 and at the Rochester Theological Seminary in 1863. For three years he was a minister of the First Baptist Church in Syracuse. He resigned and organized an independent church of which he was pastor for 13 years. In 1882 he became a candidate for orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church and was rector of St. Mark's until 1893. His work for the Syracuse Public Library, however, dates from 1880. Dr. Mundy is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Syracuse University gave him the degree of Litt. D. in 1904 and Rochester conferred a similar honor upon him in 1912.

TRUSTEES

EX-OFFICIO

WALTER R. STONE Mayor
PERCY M. HUGHES Superintendent of Schools

APPOINTED

	Term expires July 31,
SALEM HYDE	1915
GEORGE TIMMINS	1916
REV. F. W. BETTS	1917
DOUGLAS E. PETIT	1918
J. HENRY CASSIDY	1919

COMMITTEES

Finance—Trustees Timmins, Hyde, Cassidy.
Books—Trustees Petit, Betts, the Librarian.
Buildings and Grounds—Trustees Cassidy, Hughes.

LIBRARIAN EMERITUS

EZEKIEL W. MUNDY

EMPLOYEES

LIBRARIAN

PAUL M. PAINE

SECOND ASSISTANT

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On these Shelves Back of the Main Desk New Books are Displayed and Fresh Collections of Good Books appear every Few Days

THE LIBRARY IN 1915

The history of the Syracuse Public Library during 1915 contains the record of changes in the arrangement and use of the Carnegie Building and in the extension work of the library through its branches and stations and an important change in the administration of the library itself.

DR. MUNDY'S RETIREMENT

At the June meeting of the trustees of the library, three months' leave of absence was granted to Reverend Ezekiel W. Mundy on the recommendation of his physician and with the hearty assent of all the members of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Mundy's state of health made it advisable to free him for a time from the active responsibility of directing the library. During the summer it became apparent that the release must be permanent and Dr. Mundy's resignation was accepted at the August meeting of the trustees. This was immediately followed by his election as Librarian Emeritus, an arrange-

ment which permits the library to avail itself of Dr. Mundy's superior education and long experience in the matter of book selection and other duties as a consulting expert.

Thus ended a career of 35 years of faithful and effective service to the cause of free education in Syracuse. Dr. Mundy became librarian in 1880. The library at that time was housed in the High School on West Genesee Street. During the period since then the circulation has been multiplied by ten, the number of volumes in the library increased from 13,423 to more than 120,000 and the library expenditures are in step with the growth and needs of the city. They are regulated by a law providing an annual appropriation of "not less than two percentum nor more than two and one half percentum of the aggregate annual tax exclusive of local assessments." The trustees are thus given assurance that the City of Syracuse approves of the library and prizes its services to the public.

This could not have come about except through the labor of a wise, patient and loyal public servant and the position which the library holds in the City of Syracuse is very largely due to the faithful services and lovable character of the man who administrated its affairs from 1880 to 1915.

To succeed Dr. Mundy the trustees at the August meeting appointed Paul M. Paine, former associate editor of The Syracuse Post-Standard, who while continuing his duties as an editor had for five years been acting as secretary to the librarian and later as first assistant librarian under Dr. Mundy.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The resignation of Mr. J. William Smith, the oldest in point of service of the Trustees of the Syracuse Public Library was simultaneous with that of Dr. Mundy. Fortunately a permanent memorial to these two faithful friends of the Public Library remains in the Smith Collection of manuscripts and printed books presented by Mr. Smith in honor of Dr. Mundy in August, 1908, to represent the history of the growth of printing.

To succeed Mr. Smith, Mayor Louis Will appointed the Rev. F. W. Betts, a man eminent for public spirit and for interest in the social welfare of the community.

The reappointment for a term of five years of Mr. Salem Hyde as trustee of the library and the re-election of Mr. George Timmins as President of the Board of Trustees were among the events of the year.

THE MUSEUM AND THE LIBRARY

The Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts has occupied space in the Carnegie Building since the building was first put in use in 1905. The museum has no connection with the library, being managed by its own Board of Trustees and supported by its own gifts and appropriations but the greatest possible

kindliness of feeling has always existed between these two institutions. In April, 1915, the Trustees of the Public Library resolved to ask the museum trustees to consider the use of the top floor of the Carnegie Building for museum purposes instead of the one room on the second floor then in use. The museum trustees welcomed this proposal and in May the use of the third story was granted to the museum board, which was authorized to make needed changes in the partitions. lighting and other arrangements on the third floor. The change has been of great benefit to the museum. Better light and a much greater allowance of space more than compensate for the additional flight of stairs. Permanent arrangements were made March 1, 1916, for the use of the elevator at the joint expense of the library and the museum.

Under the direction of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the interior of the Carnegie Building was redecorated in the fall and winter months of 1915, the masonry and the areaways were strengthened with concrete, a new concrete floor was laid in a part of the basement and a system of indirect lighting in the librarian's office, the accession room, the main reading room and the main desk was installed. It is proposed to extend this system to the whole library during 1916.

LIBRARY EXTENSION

The first library station established by the Syracuse Public Library was in West Genesee Street. A number of steps have since been taken for the purpose of improving the circulation of books in the west end of the city. Early in 1915, the West End Station was transferred from 1501 West Genesee Street to Porter School. Later on in the year, the Librarian obtained permission from the Board of Trustees to make arrangements to increase the number of books in this library, keep open two evenings in the week and put it in charge of a regular member of the staff. About 800 books were installed and Miss Mary H. Wilson was put in charge of the West Genesee Branch. The results have been encouraging.

A new station has been established in McKinley School and has had substantial patronage from the people of the southern end of the city. More systematic attention to the needs of the station libraries is being provided, personal visits being made frequently by a member of the staff.

STATISTICS FOR 1915

Following the custom which was begun last year, and the suggestion of the American Library Association for a standard form for library reports, the following figures have been compiled for the year 1915:



LEARNING BY "ORAL TRADITION"

In the Story Telling Room on any Saturday Morning Groups of Eager Listeners May be Found

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1915, FOR THE SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Population served (estimated), 145,237, 1915 State Census.

Terms of use—Free for lending. Free for reference. Subscription for out of town borrowers, $1.00 per year.

Total number of agencies consisting of Main Library, two branches, 10 stations, 19 other agencies.

Number of days open during year (Main Library, 350).

Time—Open each week for lending (Main Library) 7 days in winter, 6 days in summer.

Time—Open each week for reading (Main Library), 7 days in winter, 6 days in summer.

The Public Library invites the boys and girls; it offers them the best reading and helps them to find what they want.

Number of volumes at beginning of year			114,411
Number of volumes added during year			9,545
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year			2,770
Total number at end of year			121.186
Number of pamphlets at beginning of year			3,205
Number of pamphlets added during year			168
Total number of pamphlets at end of year			3,373
	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	234,534	85,243	319,777
Total number of volumes lent for home use	312,313	110,528	422,841
Number of borrowers registered during year		8,352	25,736

Registration period, three years.

Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received	505
Number of persons using library for reading and study in main reading room	84,723

RECEIPTS FROM

Unexpended balance	$ 592.24
Local taxation	48,000.00
State grants	200.00
Membership fees	70.00
Fines and sale of publications	1,109.42
Other sources	208.77
Total	$50,180.43

PAYMENTS FOR

Maintenance:	
Books	$10,816.43
Periodicals	1,683.31
Binding	3,625.89
Salaries, library service	20,633.33
Salaries, janitor service	4,592.43
Rent	600.00
Heat	856.43
Light	1,883.64
Other maintenance	3,952.68
Total maintenance	$48,644.14
Extraordinary such as Perm. Improvements	1,322.05
Balance January 1, 1916	214.24
Total	$50,180.43

THE IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK

When the indirect lighting system in the Public Library has been extended to the room formerly occupied by the Museum and the room has been equipped with shelving and other necessary apparatus, it will be opened to the public for reference purposes. Students and persons in search of information to be found in encyclopedias, dictionaries, histories, bound magazines and other sources of stored up knowledge will find this room interesting, convenient and hospitable.

The addition of a set of vertical filing cabinets to the equipment of the main reading room is another step towards transforming this room from a place where current magazines are provided, to a place where information on any current topic can be asked for with a fair chance of getting an answer. The vertical file will be of great use in this matter as it will contain, each item in its place, a great amount of printed matter of the present moment which never finds its way into book covers. The Information Room during the year 1916, will prove itself increasingly valuable especially as a source of knowledge concerning civic and municipal matters.

Increased efforts to get the books of the Public Library within reach of all the people of the city will be made during the year. In particular a higher degree of co-operation between the library and the schools is hoped for.

PUBLICATIONS

Printer's ink has been rather freely employed during the year as a means of letting the public know what the library has, where it can be found and what it is good for. A reading list of books about the war was published early in the year, replacing a similar list which had appeared shortly after the breaking out of the war. In the fall a pamphlet entitled Twenty Good New Stories appeared and proved popular. It contained the titles of twenty current novels of superior value, with brief comments by the Librarian.

Boys who are interested in automobiles, aeroplanes, camping, handicraft and outdoor life, had special attention in a book list in the Young People's Department, and Miss Mundy has also begun the publication of a Junior Bulletin, which aims to do for the young folks what the grown up Bulletin does for their fathers, mothers, uncles and aunts. That is, it tells just what books have been added for the use of young folks since the last bulletin was printed and it has notes showing what is to be found in some of the best books that are mentioned.

The Public Library aids the Practical Scientist; one of its patrons says it saves him $300 a year in books.

Five numbers of the Bulletin of the Syracuse Public Library were published during the year, and another, No. 43 contains the titles of books that were added during November and December. Each of these bulletins contained lists of good reading on special topics.

The demand from various parts of the country for copies of these bulletins shows that a good many persons are interested in a library periodical which does more than merely name the new books.

The latest of the family of 1915 publications of the Syracuse Public Library is called Books for Retailers. It contains titles and explanatory notes concerning about 150 books on advertising, letter writing, business arithmetic, bookkeeping, commercial law, auditing, salesmanship, store methods, window trimming and other matters of interest to those who sell to the ultimate consumer. Business men's organizations, such as the Syracuse Advertising Men's Association, the Rotary Club, and the Business Men's Association, gave valuable help in the preparation and distribution of this bit of practical printed matter.

PRINTED MATTER ISSUED SINCE JANUARY, 1915

February, Bulletin 38—Panama and the Pacific; New Municipal topics; Public markets.
March, Bulletin 39—City Planning.
April, Bulletin 40—The Jitney.
May, Bulletin 41—Gary Schools; New War Books.
September, Bulletin 42—Religious Books; Library News.
November, Bulletin 43—Good American Novels.
March—Europe and War; Important Dates (revised in 1915); Choosing a Career (revised in 1915).
June—Robert Burns; An address by Salem Hyde at the dedication of the Burns Statue in the Syracuse Public Library in memory of William Cowie.
October, 1915—List of Twenty good new stories with brief comments by the librarian.
November—Books for the Boy who likes automobiles, aeroplanes. boats. cameras, camping, woodworking, machinery, railroads, wireless, electrical apparatus and practical science.
December—Junior Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 1; New books for boys and girls added since March, 1915.
January, 1916—Books on retail business, correspondence, window trimming, collections, advertising, bookkeeping and other departments of the science of salesmanship.

LIGHT AND PAINT

The sum of $1,322.50, charged to extraordinary expenses in the balance sheet of 1915 was mostly spent for paint and light. The interior of the Carnegie Building had not been repainted since it went into use in 1905. When the trustees



THE MAIN DESK AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Most of the Business of Getting Books into the Hands of the People of Syracuse Takes Place Here

of the library, aided by the Municipal Bureau of Electricity, came to study the problem of indirect lighting they found that ceilings must first of all be provided which would reflect light instead of absorbing it. Accordingly the walls and ceilings of the Reading Room were treated first and after that nearly the whole interior of the building. This was done at an expense of about $700. Six shallow bowls, containing reflectors and hydrogen lamps were next installed in the Reading Room and all other lights were removed. The result is a very close approach to daylight during the whole twelve hours in which the reading room is in use.

The indirect system of lighting will be extended throughout the building as circumstances permit.

LENDING REFERENCE BOOKS

Although in the Reference Room a sign is displayed which states that books may not be loaned from the department, it has always been the policy of the library to loan reference books by special permission.

For instance, a book is occasionally needed for research work which can be done to better advantage at home than in the library. The book if seldom called for, may be borrowed for home use with no special time limit set for its return. Very frequently art books are taken for an afternoon's use at a club, and illustrated books of all sorts are borrowed by newspaper offices for the reproduction of pictures made unusually interesting by some current event.

Sometimes, as in the case of the Barnes-Roosevelt trial of last spring, public documents and collections of statistics are wanted in the course of the trial and, when available, are always supplied from the Reference Department under certain conditions.

The Reference Department has a large collection of popular and standard plays, and these may be borrowed. A three-day limit is set for their return.

Thus, while it is obvious that certain books which are in almost constant demand may under no circumstances be taken away, the circulation from the Reference Room is worthy of mention. In 1915 it was approximately 500 and in almost no case was any abuse of the privilege extended.

IMPORTANT BOOKS OF 1915

The following titles of new books in the Reference Room indicates the wide variety of the reference collection:

New International Encyclopedia, revised volumes to Vol. 18; Bankers' Directory, English-Croatian Dictionary; Field Dog Stud Book, v. 1-14, 1901-1914; American Kennel Club Stud Book, v. 30-31, 1913-1914; Della Seta's "Religion and Art," Phil May's "Sketch Book" and "Gutter Snipes," Eaton's Birds of New York, v. 2, James Whitcomb Riley's complete works, Ella Wheeler Wilcox's complete works, Times History of the European War, v. 1-5; The "Onondagan," 14 volumes, 10 of which are the gift of Prof. Edgar C. Morris of Syracuse University.

The Public Library is a University without entrance examinations; among the students is one who entered 50 years ago with Samuel J. May's name upon his application card.



THE "STUDY ROOM" ON THE GROUND FLOOR

Some of the Fuel which Supplies it appears in the Background. Books on the Fine Arts have overflowed from the Stacks to the Study

HOW TO FIND A BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

THE CATALOGUE, WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT AIMS TO DO

The catalogue is a key to the collection of books in the Library. It aims to show what books the Library has written by a given author, what books are in the Library on any subject and it gives the titles of such books as are likely to be called for by titles, such as stories, anonymous books and books with "catch titles."

The cards are arranged in a series of drawers to the left and rear of the loan desk. They are in alphabetical order like the words in a dictionary, authors, subjects and title of books other than fiction, in one alphabet. The fiction titles

The Public Library is a place for study; hundreds of students use it in their work in the University or the High School.

are arranged in a separate list at the right of the cabinet. Here, too, are separate catalogues of Arabic, French, German, Italian, Polish and Yiddish books, also of the Musical Scores.

Many authors use a pen name instead of their own. Usually if we can find the real name we enter under that and place a card in the catalog under the pen name referring to the real name.

Other authors hide their identity by giving no name on their title pages. Here again we defeat their object if possible, finding the real name and entering the book under it, but these books will always be found under the title also.

SUBJECTS

Subjects are written in red ink at the top of the card.

In looking up subjects in the catalogue, one will save time to look at once for exact subjects. For example, if you want something about Dynamos, look for that subject instead of Electrical Machinery or Electricity, if Tennis is your objective point look for that word instead of Games.

At the beginning of a subject just after the guide card will be found a reference card which suggests similar subjects. For instance, just after the guide for Domestic Architecture is a card which reads: Domestic architecture, see also Bungalows, Cottages, Tenement Houses, etc.

SOME EXCEPTIONS

The history of individual countries is arranged by period, chronologically instead of alphabetically just as in a cyclopedia. For instance: United States *History* for the general history followed by the periods of Discovery, Colonial, Revolution and so on to modern times. Guide cards are placed at the beginning of these divisions so that the change from strictly alphabetical order need not confuse anyone.

In case of authors whose collected works we have, the cards for collected works are placed first under the name of the author, the separately published titles following alphabetically.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR THE BOOK

The books are arranged on the shelves by subject.

The system used is the Decimal classification which divides all knowledge into 10 main classes and each class is subdivided as it becomes necessary. From 0 to 99 includes cyclopedias, bibliography and other general works, then follows Philosophy 100, Religion 200, Sociology 300, Language 400, Natural science 500, Applied science and useful arts, including Medicine and Hygiene 600, Fine arts 700, Literature 800, History, Biography and Travel 900.



THE DESK IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROOM

From this Point During last Year 63,878 books went into the Homes of Syracuse Families

In the Circulating Department the books on Philosophy, Religion, Languages, Sociology and Natural science are on the second floor of the stack, all of the Fine arts books except the music are in the Study Room, the musical scores and books about music are on the first floor of the stack, as are also all subjects from from 600 to 900, except Fine arts.

Biography is the 920 class. Biographies of individuals have simply the letter B as a class number and are arranged alphabetically by subject.

The numbers in the left hand corner of the catalogue card stand for the books, subject and author, thus Shackleton's

The Public Library is the Agency for the Spread of Unrequired Reading; it has been built up by the labors of the best men and women of the world for thousands of years.

Four on a tour in England, has the number 914.2 and just below is Shl. 914.2 means travel in England and the lower number Shl, means Shackleton. This combination number is on the back of the book and by means of it the book is kept in its proper place with other books of English travel. It may be found there from the number on the card. When the books are called for by number, both numbers in the combination must be given.

Fiction is not classed, simply arranged alphabetically by author and title on the shelves nearest the loan desk.

THE OUT OF TOWN READER

THE use of the Library for study is free to everybody. Anyone who lives in Syracuse, or owns property, or works or or goes to school or college in Syracuse, can borrow books free. Others can have borrowers' privileges for $1.00 a year.

The Public Library welcomes the reader who reads for joy; the poets, the dramatists, the novelists are here to greet him.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

Year	Total Circulation	Added	Withdrawn and Lost	In Library	Money Expended
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1857		471		5,154	
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On week days it is open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. On Sundays it is open from 2. P. M. to 6 P. M. During July and August the library closes at 6 o'clock.

The library is closed on the following holidays: Easter, Decoration Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For information as to how long a book may be kept out, how to get a borrower's card, how many books may be taken at a time, inquire at the main library or at any branch or station.

LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Main Library, Montgomery and Jefferson Sts.....Tel. Warren 4694
PAUL M. PAINE, Librarian

North Branch, Ash and Townsend Sts.....Tel. James 2700
ALICE R. CLARKE, in charge

West Genesee Branch Porter School
MARY H. WILSON, in charge

Elmwood Station, Julia E. McCarthy, Elmwood School, 1022 Cortland Ave.

Westcott Station, A. H. Lawrence Westcott and Dell Sts.

South Salina Station, Bunker's Pharmacy.... 2201 South Salina Street

Wolf Station Station, M. Maloney & Co.....617 Wolf St

Geddes Street Station, Salt City Store.....401 South Geddes Street

Lincoln Station, Fredericka A. O'Neill Lincoln School

Bellevue Station, Edith M. Dungey Bellevue Heights School

James Street Station, A. E. Root's Drug Store 1935 James Street

Clinton Station, Dora Abbott, Clinton School 606 Lodi Street

McKinley Station, Mary E. Egenhofer McKinley School



